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Soccer. Hardware

▶ Mayor David Miller with the MLS Cup.

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The MLS Cup arrives in Toronto

MLS Cup 2010 festivities kicked off yesterday with the arrival of the MLS Cup. The Major League Soccer championship showdown between FC Dallas and the Colorado Rapids goes Sunday night at BMO Field, home of Toronto FC.

Senate stymies climate bill

Majority of Tories vote to kill emissions legislation {page 10}

Charade just a royal pain

John Mazerolle isn't too excited for Prince William {page 32}

Studying: It pays off

TDSB seeking input on whether to pay poorer kids who do well in school ◗ 'Cash for grades' idea has been tried in some U.S. cities with mixed results

DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

▶ Cash for grades? TDSB is considering it.

The controversial idea of paying poor students to do well in class is being looked at by Canada's largest school board, and the Ontario government isn't opposing the idea.

The Toronto District School Board is reaching out on Twitter to start a discussion on whether needy kids should be paid to attend school, get good grades and spend time mentoring others.

"Should we pay kids in our more disadvantaged communities to do well in school?" Chris Spence, the board's director of education, tweeted earlier this week.

"Perhaps, as part of a poverty reduction scheme?"

It's one of the possibilities the board's new anti-poverty task force will examine, said Lloyd McKell, head of the nine-member group. The task force intends to consult with parents and the public, but feedback has been positive so far, he said.

"This is not about bribing. This is helping students who have no resources, or very limited resources, to focus on learning," McKell said.

The board already provides bus tickets, free meals and jobs to some of its neediest students, he added. Financial incentives are just another tool that can be used to motivate kids to focus on their studies and lift themselves out of poverty.

"It's not bribing. People provide encouragement to young people to help motivate them. That's the issue here."

But Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky is steering clear of the debate and repeatedly refused yesterday to say what she thought about the idea.

It's up to the board to make a decision about whether it wants to pay kids for good grades, she said. But the Opposition said it's a bad idea and the minister should urge the school board to rethink it.

"Good marks, being successful in school is its own reward, which opens up more job opportunities down the road," said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak.

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Could it work here?

The TDSB, which oversees more than 250,000 students in nearly 600 schools, has identified about 110 schools that need special help due to poverty.

- The Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University held a study on student incentives at 250 schools in Chicago, Dallas, New York City and Washington, D.C.
- It found student performance improved in Washington and Dallas, where second graders were paid $2 for each book they read. However, students in New York didn't score any better on tests despite a $50 incentive to do so.

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Campaign. Youth homelessness

▶ Joseph Samardzich of Toronto drops off toiletries at the Virgin Mobile booth at Yonge-Dundas Square yesterday. He was one of many people who supported the RE*Generation Movement to have Nov. 17 declared National Youth Homelessness Awareness Day in Canada by giving donations or signing the 504NYAD.com petition.

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RE*Generation Movement draws growing support

Homeowner can't park in driveway

- Bylaw to reduce clutter in neighbourhoods sparked outrage when it came into effect Oct. 1
- Chief city planner Gary Wright had said bylaw officers wouldn't actively seek out offenders

An East York woman woke up to a yellow notice on her windshield, warning her she could be fined or the car towed for being illegally parked in her driveway. The city notice states, "Park in front of garage door only."

Felicia Wang has lived at the same house on Parkview Hills Crescent for 25 years and parks her car next to her parents' vehicle in the family's double driveway.

However, the family has a single garage and the new bylaw stipulates that two cars can only be parked side by side in this situation if the driveway is widened to twice the original width.

Wang said two cars fit in the driveway comfortably and wants to know why her silver Honda sedan is being singled out on a street where packed driveways are common.

She printed out a City of Toronto fact sheet, highlighted the "bylaw does not apply to any existing homes and their driveway parking situation" and placed it on her dashboard.

Many councillors admitted they weren't aware they voted in favour of limiting the number of vehicles that can be parked on a residential driveway because the restrictions were buried in nearly 5,000 pages of regulations and maps that make up the city's harmonized zoning document.

Since amalgamation in 1998, city officials have been standardizing bylaws, melding the bylaws of the six former cities that now make up Toronto.

"It's one of the things that we've got to get clarity on in the new term."
JANET DAVIS, WARD 31 COUNCILLOR

Under the new bylaw, residents with a single-car garage can park one vehicle on the driveway while those with a double-car garage can park two.

Refusal to comply could mean a trip to court and a fine of up to $5,000.

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The long decline of former political superstar, Defence Minister Peter MacKay. More at metronews.ca/spindoctor

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Ottawa. Order of Canada

▶ Gov. Gen. David Johnston stands with Helen Burstyn yesterday after presenting her with the Order of Canada awarded posthumously to city builder David Pecaut, from Toronto, during an Order of Canada investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

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Late Torontonian honoured

Liberals cutting hydro bills by 10%: Sources

Opposition parties claim the move is a 'desperate' attempt to help the Liberals' bid for re-election

Facing growing consumer unrest over soaring electricity bills with an election looming next fall, Ontario's Liberal government will implement a $1-billion plan to cut electricity bills by 10 per cent, government sources said yesterday.

The Canadian Press learned the Ontario "Clean Energy Benefit" will be introduced today by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan as part of his fall economic update.

$125
The plan would trim about $125 per year from the average household hydro bill, said sources.

The plan, which would take effect Jan. 1, is designed to take the sting out of rising bills, which jumped another eight per cent July 1 when the HST was added to hydro.

Premier Dalton McGuinty wouldn't speak to the specifics of the program yesterday, but said the government knows consumers are feeling the pinch, especially as the province pays to update the electricity system and moves to more expensive green energy.

"We've got to make sure that families can cope," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Competition to keep costs down: Grocery executive

Fierce competition amongst Canada's largest grocery retailers will likely keep Loblaw Co. from dramatically raising its prices, even though higher raw materials costs are squeezing its profits, the company's president said yesterday.

"There's got to be a pretty big justification for price increases in the condition that this market is in," Allan Leighton said on a quarterly earnings conference call with analysts.

"Economic conditions are a headwind, inflation is unpredictable at worst ... The market is tough and promotionally intense and we still hover on the darker side of the moon."

Retailers are feeling pressure from rising commodity prices on everything from wheat and flour to coffee and cotton.

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▶ Allan Leighton

"You cannot escape that consumer confidence is not in a good place and that people are concerned about the future and their own economics."
ALLAN LEIGHTON, LOBLAW CO. PRESIDENT

A UN report released yesterday found the prices of wheat and other staples have risen "alarmingly" over the past year, and it has reinforced the risks of rising food costs.

But there has been "very little" movement in grocery prices, Leighton said.

In fact, grocers have recently been lamenting a decline in prices on key items as they compete to lure in more recession-weary customers who are focused on value and cost, rather than brand loyalty.

"Consumer behaviour has changed, and it changed when the recession took place, and it's going to be like that for a period of time," Leighton said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Join in the airing of grievances

Harbourfront Centre is collecting beefs, gripes and nuisances for the World Stage 2010-11 Complaints Choir.

Harbourfront Centre's World Stage has enlisted the talents of award-winning composer Bryce Kulak to transform exasperations into lyrics and compose the song that the Complaints Choir will sing at various locations during the week of March 21-26.

Those interested in contributing their complaints can visit lifestinks.ca or call 416-973-4430. METRO

Man faces murder charge

Toronto police have laid a murder charge in the death of a man whose body was pulled from a fire last May.

Police say the body of Giuliano Montoni, 56, was found inside a building that burned at 102 Lappin Ave., in the Landsdowne and Dupont area. Investigators discovered Montoni had died prior to the fire, and a post-mortem determined he suffered trauma to his body.

Jason Windebank, 31, is charged with second-degree murder.
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Woman hit by van dies of injuries

A woman who was hit by a van in Mississauga this week has died of her injuries.

Peel region police say 64-year-old Sukhinder Cheema, of Mississauga, was struck by the van Monday morning as she was crossing Brandon Gate Drive, near Anaka Drive.

Police say she was taken to a Toronto trauma centre, where she later died.

Investigators want to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the collision.
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UNSOLVED CASE

Charges laid in 2004 homicide

Toronto police say they've charged a 30-year-old Markham, Ont., man in a 2004 homicide.

Gaurav Bazaz, 31, of Toronto, was found dead of a gunshot wound early on June 19, 2004, at a north Toronto business complex.

Bazaz operated a business known as Tamanna Enterprises in that building and was also involved in booking entertainment acts from India.

Bazaz was believed to have been alone at his business the day he was shot and was reportedly waiting to meet with someone.

Police said yesterday that Vijay Singh was arrested on Oct. 6, 2010, and charged with first-degree murder. Singh is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 30.

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Patient sexually assaulted

A 26-year-old Toronto nurse is facing a sexual assault charge.

Police say a patient at the St. Joseph's Health Centre was sexually assaulted under the pretext of conducting a medical examination. Rey Gimenez was arrested yesterday and charged.

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Shooting kills teen in North York

A teenage boy is dead following a shooting in North York.

Officials say three EMS units responded to the Bathurst Street and Wilson Avenue area at about 4 p.m. The boy was pronounced dead at the scene. Police are currently investigating the incident.

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Misconduct charge stayed for Toronto cop

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▶ Jeff Green accused a police officer of conducting improper background checks on him in 2005.

Accuser says stay sets 'a very dangerous precedent' for all future complaints against police officers

A stay of proceedings has been granted in the disciplinary hearing of a Toronto police officer accused of conducting improper background checks.

Hearing officer Supt. Robin Breen ruled because the accuser failed to sign an original police complaint form and as the officer had already been punished twice "it would be pointless to continue these proceedings".

"This is a travesty, a horrendous decision," said Jeff Green after the stay was granted yesterday.

Det. Wayne Lakey was accused of improperly conducting background searches on Green when the two men lived in the same condo complex and Green was involved in a dispute with the building's board of directors in 2005.

According to documents obtained by Torstar News Service and evidence presented in the tribunal, the unofficial police computer searches had been conducted on Green by Lakey.

Lakey testified he had been reprimanded twice by his superiors and the hearing officer agreed that was enough punishment.

Although Supt. Jane Wilcox, who presided over the hearing last August, dismissed the defense argument that Green did not follow protocol when he initially complained to the internal investigations unit, Breen ruled the lack of a signature on the document was important.

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Jogging away from a historic oversight

‘Dufferin Street Jog’ gone as of today ◗ Three-year, $40M project to connect street at Queen finished

The “Dufferin Street Jog” has been eliminated and with it, a century-old planning oversight has at last been rectified.

A new stretch of Dufferin between Queen Street and Peel Avenue opens today, marking the end of the three-year, $40 million “jog elimination” project.

“I’m tickled pink,” said Councillor Gord Perks, whose Ward 14 is bordered on the east by Dufferin.

“What could have been a plain and frankly ugly piece of transportation infrastructure has been transformed into a really attractive urban space.”

For as long as there have been cars on Dufferin, drivers have had to navigate under the Queen Street railway bridge and around the jog via Gladstone and Peel.

“It was almost like building a Swiss watch.”
JIM SCHAFFNER, CITY OF TORONTO SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER FOR STRUCTURES AND EXPRESSWAYS

Now, a 72-metre tunnel running under the rail lines fills in the Dufferin Street gap, allowing drivers to head straight up the west-end street.

The correction has been on the city’s to-do list for years. The kink was created when the Queen underpass was built in the 1880s to separate the roadway and rail lines. Planners didn’t foresee Dufferin becoming an arterial road, so it remained unconnected north of Queen.

The rail lines in active use by GO Transit and CN Rail had to be elevated and shifted to allow for tunneling underneath. The official opening, originally scheduled for August, was delayed while adjustments were made so the rail lines could be reset.

Perks said the new tunnel wasn’t just a traffic project, but successful urban regeneration in a “formally dead pocket of land.”

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Bright. Idea

▶ Gillian Earle of Toronto Hydro and police Det. Scott Boulet show off energy-efficient compact florescent light bulbs yesterday.

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Shining a light on shadows

Det. Boulet’s bright idea is coming true as the Light the Night project nears its 5,000-bulb goal. The idea is to light front porches and rear yards in vulnerable Toronto neighbourhood in order to fight crime and make communities safer.

Bedbugs may bite if resources redeployed

A major outbreak of listeria, salmonella or some other food-borne outbreak could temporarily squash the city’s bedbug program because public health resources would have to be redeployed. A report to the Toronto Board of Health on the Toronto Bed Bug Project from Medical Officer of Health David McKeown says public health inspectors and nurses have been seconded to the bedbug project. The city wants to hire a project manager to coordinate bedbug control, as well as six inspectors, three nurses, social service workers, a bedbug educator and a research analyst.

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RELIGIOUS STATEMENTS

Keep free speech free: Clinton

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the United States is firmly opposed to attempts to ban statements that defame religion, arguing that attempts to impose them by mainly Islamic countries harm free speech.

Clinton said yesterday that the U.S. will again oppose efforts at United Nations bodies condemning the defamation of religion.

She said such moves stifle the free expression of ideas even if they aim to protect society.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference, which represents 56 Muslim nations, successfully sponsored a religious defamation resolution at the UN Human Rights Commission earlier this year.

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Senate kills bill on climate change

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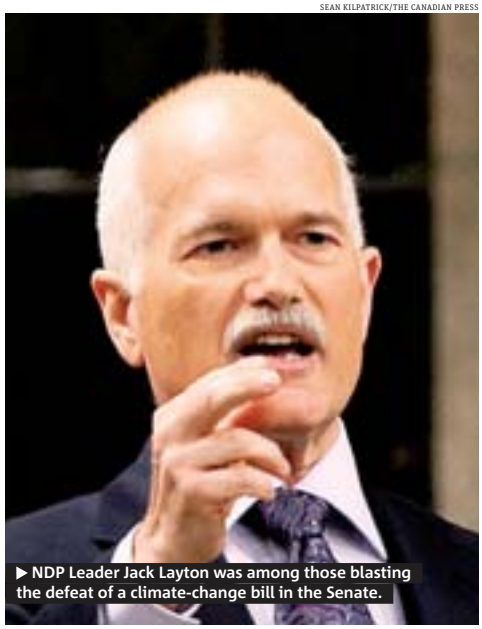

▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton was among those blasting the defeat of a climate-change bill in the Senate.

▶ Bill called for 25% cut in emissions ▶ PM's goal is a 17% cut

Opposition MPs and environmental activists say Canada is going into global-warming talks empty-handed after a majority of Conservative senators voted down a climate-change bill.

A snap vote in the Senate on Tuesday caught Liberals in the upper house off guard, and not enough Grits showed up to save the bill from losing by a margin of 43-32.

NDP Leader Jack Layton, whose party introduced the bill, called it "outrageous" an unelected Senate can kill what he says is important legislation.

He said Canada now has nothing to show heading into a coming round of United Nations climate talks in Mexico.

"The government has no plan going into a conference on the future of the climate-change crisis in this country," he said.

But Marjory LeBreton, leader of the government in the Senate, said the bill would have hurt Canada's economy if passed into law.

"The government has always had on the record it didn't support the bill," she said.

"So when (Liberal Senator) Grant Mitchell forced a vote at second reading, the government obviously was going to use the opportunity to vote against the bill, which we did, and killed it."

"Canada will be one of the few, probably the only country, who has absolutely nothing. The only thing we had going for us was that the House of Commons had adopted the targets established by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning scientists of the United Nations, who represent the best thinking globally."

NDP LEADER JACK LAYTON

The bill — the Climate Change Accountability Act — had spent the last year or so bouncing between the House of Commons and its environment committee.

The Commons passed the bill in May and it went to the Senate for final approval.

The legislation calls for greenhouse gases to be cut 25 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020.

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Green advocates angered

Environmentalists decried the bill's defeat.

"As we head into the UN climate talks in Cancun later this month, it is unacceptable that Canada's only climate-change legislation has been defeated after years of majority support from our elected members of Parliament and their constituents," Graham Saul of the Climate Action Network Canada said in a statement.

"It is astonishing ... that, mere days before the next major round of international climate negotiations, the Canadian Senate killed the Climate Change Accountability Act," added Andrea Harden-Donahue of the Council of Canadians in her own statement.

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Inquiry calls grow louder

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▶ Premier Jean Charest

There is now unprecedented political pressure on the Quebec government to call a public inquiry into allegations of corruption in the construction industry, with Premier Jean Charest's Liberals finding themselves increasingly isolated.

Charest's last major remaining ally — the Quebec Federation of Labour — has bailed on him.

The province's largest labour group has done an about-face and not just endorsed an inquiry — it is now publicly demanding one and also issuing a highly personal plea for Charest to change his tune.

"After the events of the last two years, the discussions we've had among ourselves, the reports we've seen on TV and radio, we've decided together to demand, from the government of Premier Jean Charest, a commission of inquiry," union president Michel Arsenault told a news conference yesterday, surrounded by colleagues.

"We believe the time has come for one."

The premier has refused to call a probe into corruption allegations involving the construction industry, politically well-connected businessmen, and crime groups like the Mafia.

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Chinese officials call for better fire prevention

Monday's highrise inferno in Shanghai killed dozens Safety a concern in densely populated city

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Relatives mourn those killed in Monday's apartment building fire yesterday in Shanghai.

China ordered tighter fire prevention measures yesterday following a blaze that gutted a highrise apartment building in Shanghai, killing at least 53 people with dozens still believed missing.

The fire heightened concern over the ability to cope with such disasters in this city of 20 million-plus people, many of them living in its 15,000 highrise buildings.

Relatives continued to search for loved ones, while authorities have not given any figures for the number of missing from the fire in a downtown neighbourhood Monday afternoon.

Shanghai fire Chief Chen Fei said firefighters searched the 28-storey building thoroughly after the fire was put out and could not have missed anyone.

"Sleepless night for victims, every minute caught between hope and despair," said a headline in yesterday's edition of newspaper Oriental Morning Post.

As might be expected of a weekday afternoon, many of those in the building at the time of the fire were retirees.

A media officer at the city's information office said tests on victims confirmed the identities of 26 of the 53 people killed in the disaster, contradicting a report by the official Xinhua News Agency that said the 26 were in addition to that death toll. The official spoke on condition of anonymity, in keeping with government rules.

In a notice posted on its website, the cabinet ordered authorities to improve fire safety and prevention, especially in the winter when widespread use of space heaters is an added risk. It named construction sites and highrise buildings as areas needing extra attention.

Shanghai recently hosted the World Expo and is still in the midst of a construction frenzy that has brought new subway lines, highways and airport upgrades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Detainees

- Police detained four unlicensed welders who were working on "energy-saving" renovations when sparks from their welding apparently spread to bamboo scaffolding and nylon nets shrouding the building. Shanghai deputy police Chief Cheng Jiulong said eight people were detained, but did not identify them.

Ottawa. Diwali

Prime Minister Stephen Harper lights a lamp with Calgary East Conservative MP Deepak Obhrai, right, and Dr. Doobay, a priest from the Toronto Vishnu Mandir Temple, yesterday.

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PM lights a lamp to celebrate Diwali

Feds boost benefits for vets

The federal government is sweetening benefits for disabled military veterans, but many vets say more needs to be done.

Veterans Affairs Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn announced that proposed changes to the New Veterans Charter will cost $2 billion.

However, those changes don't include topping up the lump-sum payment that's been a source of discontent for vets.

The government wants to establish a minimum, pre-tax income of $40,000 a year for veterans who can no longer work and for those who are in rehabilitation.

$325,000

Amount that Australian veterans who can no longer work are eligible for. The Royal Canadian Legion wants to see a high ceiling for the disability payment here.

New legislation would increase monthly payments of up to $1,609 for life for disabled vets who can't work, with another $1,000 a month for the most severely disabled.

The changes would also allow vets a choice in how they take their disability award, which can amount to as much as $276,000.

Under the new scheme, they would be able to take a lump-sum payout, a monthly payout, or a mix of the two.

The legion says it's going to keep pushing for a bigger payment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

▶ Netanyahu

Israel agrees to pullout

MIDDLE EAST. Israel agreed yesterday to pull its troops from the northern half of a village that straddles the border with Lebanon, defusing a long-standing political dispute but frightening villagers who don't want their community divided.
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Man narrowly escapes train

CLOSE CALL. Provincial police say a man apparently decided to make a U-turn on railway tracks this morning, and got stuck as a train was approaching.

Sgt. Mike Garant says the man got out in time but the train could not stop before plowing into the car at the crossing north of Bolton, Ont.
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Mayor rejects activist's claim

NUCLEAR ENERGY. Port Hope's mayor says an anti-nuclear activist's warning that radioactive waste has contaminated the community's beaches and water amounts to sensationalism.
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'Thou shalt not partake of Facebook'

A New Jersey pastor takes action over what he says is a link between social media and adultery. Scan code for story.

Canadians want new leaders: Poll

Same poll puts support for Tories at 32% Grits: 30% NDP: 15% Green: 10% Bloc: 46% (Quebec only)

Canadians would like to see fresh leaders at the helm of both the federal Conservative and Liberal parties, a new poll suggests.

Half of respondents to The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey said the Conservatives need to replace Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

And 64 per cent said the Liberals need to replace Michael Ignatieff.

Harper at least enjoyed solid support among those who identified themselves as Conservatives: Seventy-four per cent said they don't want a new leader.

That represents the strongest endorsement of any federal party leader from his or her own supporters.

▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff

Ignatieff, by contrast, was the least loved by his own, with 59 per cent of Liberals saying he should go.

A plurality of respondents supported the continued leadership of the NDP's Jack Layton (49 to 36 per cent) and the Green party's Elizabeth May (44 to 24 per cent).

In Quebec, Gilles Duceppe's continued leadership of the Bloc was endorsed by 52 per cent, with 37 per cent wanting a new leader.

The telephone poll of just over 1,000 people was conducted Nov. 11 to 14 and is considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times in 20.
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'Evil of 2 lessers'

Harris-Decima chairman Allan Gregg said support for the two main parties has been essentially stalled for six years and that likely won't change as long as people remain unimpressed by the leaders.

- "What it says is that we're likely to see the pattern that we've seen for the past six years, which is kind of a hung Parliament," he said.
- "It's a classic case of the evil of two lessers."

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Haiti calls for calm amid anger over cholera

Rioting has interfered with efforts to combat disease: Officials

Anti-UN rioting fuelled by cholera fears scaled down in northern Haiti yesterday following official calls for calm, but several hundred demonstrators took to the streets of the capital to denounce the government.

Florida health officials, meanwhile, confirmed a case of cholera in a woman who had visited Haiti, though they said the disease is unlikely to spread in the United States. Riots began Monday in northern and central Haiti over suspicions that a month-old cholera epidemic that has killed more than 1,000 people was brought to Haiti by UN peacekeepers.

Protest

Anti-government demonstrators staged a small, relatively peaceful protest in Port-au-Prince, marching toward Haiti's collapsed national palace while tearing down and burning campaign posters of Jude Celestin — candidate of Preval's Unity party and head of the state-run construction company. Many of the protesters were recently laid off by the national telephone and construction companies.

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Wisconsin Rage

▶ Steven Cowan, 67, of Vermont, Wis.

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Ballistic over Bristol

Cowan blasted his television set with a shotgun after watching Bristol Palin's Dancing With The Stars routine Monday night, saying he was fed up with politics and Palin wasn't a very good dancer, according to court documents. Authorities said Cowan then pointed the gun at his wife, who escaped and called police. A SWAT team surrounded the couple's Vermont farmhouse and officers were able to talk Cowan out Tuesday after an all-night standoff.

NHL family opens up on teen suicide

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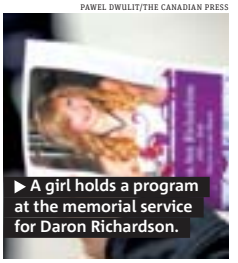

▶ A girl holds a program at the memorial service for Daron Richardson.

A high-profile NHL family opened their private nightmare to the world yesterday in an effort to raise public awareness about teen suicide.

Daron Richardson, the 14-year-old daughter of Ottawa Senators assistant coach Luke Richardson, took her own life last Friday at the family's Ottawa home. Richardson, his wife Stephanie and their daughter Morgan, 16, donated Daron's organs so that others might live, then tried to help ensure that other families don't endure their trauma.

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Saskatoon cops want more cash

$4M Saskatoon's police department is asking for another $4 million per year.

A booming city that's making the drug trade more lucrative for gangs is one reason Saskatoon police say they need to increase their budget by nearly $4 million next year.

Police Chief Clive Weighill said while gang activity and gang numbers in the city have not increased, the level of violence has.

Weighill said violence stems from gangs settling old debts and protecting their turf.

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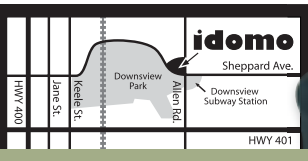

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Kids' asthma beaten – if mom and dad butt out

Wheezing rates among two- to seven-year-olds drop significantly Nationwide decline in smoking hailed

Asthma cases have dropped among youngsters to their lowest level in more than a decade, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

And one factor that may have contributed to the decline among two- to seven-year-olds is the drop in smoking rates across the country.

"There's no question" that a decline in smoking rates helps, said Dr. Allan Becker, a top pediatric allergist at the University of Manitoba.

"Children of parents who smoke have a much higher frequency of colds, of respiratory infections, and among those children, the viral illnesses are the major causes of these wheezing illnesses," he said.

"And that would suggest, then, a diagnosis of asthma.

"So, with fewer — especially young parents — smoking, it really does make a difference in the likelihood that these children will have wheezy episodes with their colds."

"We still have far too many children being seen in the emergency departments because of asthma flareups and too many children being admitted to hospital."
DR. ALLAN BECKER

Statistics Canada said besides the decline in smoking, environmental factors may be related to the recent decline in asthma rates — such as improvements in air quality and changes in hygiene practices.

The percentage of kids with asthma rose to 13 per cent from 11 per cent from 1994 to 2001, but by last year, the figure had fallen to 10 per cent.

Also, the prevalence of upper-respiratory infections in children aged two to three years has dropped, the study shows.

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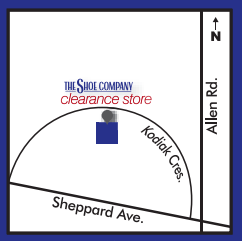

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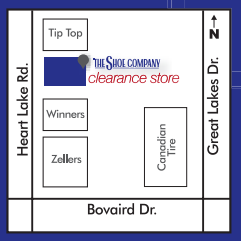

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Afghan mission may extend past 2014: NATO

Summit of Afghan leaders and allies this weekend in Lisbon will aim to set terms for a longer mission

NATO forces may still lead some combat operations in Afghanistan beyond 2014, the target date for shifting authority to Afghan troops, a top NATO official said yesterday.

Mark Sedwill, NATO's senior civilian representative, said the end of 2014 was not a deadline. "It's a goal," he told reporters in Afghanistan's capital.

"There are significant risks and there will be a long and hard campaign ahead."
MARK SEDWILL, NATO'S SENIOR CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVE

He said the transition to Afghan control will be slow — starting with individual districts and building up to the provincial level. Each area will be evaluated for transfer based on four criteria: The security situation; the capacity of Afghan security forces in the area; the preparations of NATO forces; and the progress toward governance reforms.
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Home. Coming

▶ Connecticut Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Steven Alvarez is greeted by his son Gabriel, 4, as he returned yesterday after a year in Afghanistan.
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Terror threat puts Germany on high alert

- Police officers swarm railway stations and airports
- 'We will not be bullied,' warns interior minister

Germany sent hundreds of police officers into railway stations, airports and other public places yesterday.

The wide-ranging move came after the nation's top security official warned of an increased threat from Islamic extremists.

New, tangible intelligence came to light over the past weeks and months, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said.

An increased police presence at airports and railway stations will remain in place until further notice, he added.

"We are showing force, that we will not be bullied," de Maiziere said.

Despite the heightened security presence, de Maiziere urged calm.

"There is reason for worry, but there is no reason for hysteria," he said.

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"We will not allow international terror to limit us in our way of life and our culture of freedom."
THOMAS DE MAIZIERE, INTERIOR MINISTER

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Father's letter details grief over slain girls

Man's ex-wife sentenced to life in prison for killing their daughters Jury rejected mental-illness defence

The image of his two young daughters struggling to breathe as their mother held their heads underwater in the bathtub will haunt Leo Campione for the rest of his life, court heard yesterday.

Leo Campione was not in court yesterday as his ex-wife was sent to prison for life with no chance of parole for 25 years, but a Crown attorney read a victim impact statement he prepared after learning of Monday's verdicts.

"The images of their last moments, innocent and helpless as they were, will haunt me forever, in ways I can't begin to describe," he wrote.

Fit to convict

- **The jury**, which deliberated for nearly a week before delivering a guilty verdict, was tasked with sifting through evidence of Elaine Campione's suicide attempts and mental illness.
- **The Crown** didn't deny Campione was mentally unwell, but argued it did not prevent her from knowing right from wrong.

"I live my life and gain my strength in knowing with each passing day I am one day closer to being with them."

Elaine Campione drowned her daughters four years ago in the midst of a custody battle with her ex-husband. Her trial heard that she left him because he was abusive. Charges of assault he faced were stayed after his ex-wife was charged with the murders.

The father and his family, who did not attend the trial, are disturbed by "allegations and innuendoes against Leo Campione that have never been tried in a court," Crown attorney Enno Meijers told the court, noting the man has not had a proper forum to answer to those allegations.

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▶ A relative of Abdulai Bah, 20, who died from a gunshot to the neck, weeps yesterday in the mostly Peul suburb of Bambeto in Conakry, Guinea.

Guinea declares state of emergency

Ethnic tensions over election come to boiling point

Guinea's military yesterday declared a state of emergency, further restricting civilian movement and giving the army permission to deploy in civilian areas as security forces continued to target members of the Peul ethnic group following a tense presidential election.

The decree read on state TV by the head of the country's armed forces said the law would be in effect until Guinea's Supreme Court rules on whether to validate the provisional results from the election.

Politician Cellou Dalein Diallo, who is contesting the results, lost to a candidate from the Malinke ethnic group. A Peul, Diallo is overwhelmingly backed by members of his own ethnicity, just as his opponent was backed by his. Since the announcement of the results, angry Peul youths have burned tires, barricaded roads and pillaged the homes of Malinke neighbours. The mostly Malinke police in Guinea reacted with force taking over troubled neighbourhoods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hydro deal not done yet, says N.S. premier

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter is denying reports that an agreement has been reached with his province to develop the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project in Labrador.

Media reports in Newfoundland and Labrador say a deal has been finalized with Emera Inc., the owner of Nova Scotia Power, to develop the project.

Dexter said negotiations are continuing on building a subsea cable between the two provinces but he is optimistic an agreement will be reached.

Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams has scheduled a news conference today to make an unspecified announce-ment.

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Offshore safety body suggested

A report into offshore helicopter travel off Newfoundland is calling for the creation of an agency to oversee safety.

The head of a probe into helicopter safety off Newfoundland says he issued 29 recommendations to improve chopper travel after Cougar Flight 491 crashed into the Atlantic Ocean last year, killing 17 people.

Commissioner Robert Wells said his top recommendation is to establish an offshore safety body or an autonomous division within the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, which regulates the industry.

The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board established the inquiry after the deadly helicopter crash in March 2009.

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Ongoing

- The report is the first phase of the inquiry. The second phase will include the commissioner's examination of a Transportation Safety Board report on the cause of the crash.

Sobeys to shut centre in Brantford

Sobeys is closing its Brantford distribution centre in April, signalling the loss of about 200 jobs.

The company has announced it is consolidating its Ontario distribution operations in Vaughan, Milton and Whitby.

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▶ A man identified by the Italian Police as Antonio Iovine, the Camorra crime syndicate's top fugitive boss, left, laughs as he is shown to the crowd by police officers shortly after his arrest yesterday.

Italian crime boss arrested

Iovine, 46, had been convicted in absentia Spent 14 years on the run

Police in southern Italy yesterday captured one of Italy's most-wanted fugitive mobsters, who was considered the financial brains behind the bloodiest of Camorra crime syndicate clans.

Antonio Iovine, 46, nicknamed "o ninno" (dialect for "the baby") for his youthful looks, grinned at crowds outside Naples police headquarters as he was hustled into the building. He was arrested with virtually no resistance after being found hiding in a crawl space in an apartment in Casal di Principe, a town near Caserta, which is the Casalesi stronghold, police said.

Prosecutors told reporters at a news conference in Naples that bugged telephone lines helped narrow the search for Iovine. "He never left his territory. A real boss never leaves his territory," Naples police Chief Santi Giuffre told Sky TG24 TV in the Naples.

Investigators contend the Casalesi family runs a lucrative illegal business in transporting and disposing of tons of toxic waste.

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Officers seize control of island

Madagascar prime minister appears on national television to denounce military group as mutineers

A group of military officers revolted yesterday as Madagascar held a referendum on a new constitution that calls for keeping a coup leader in power indefinitely, saying it now controls this island nation off the coast of southeastern Africa.

"They've threatened me with death if I don't step down," said Andry Rajoelina, a former disc jockey who seized power with military backing last year.

Col. Charles Andrianasoavina, who last year backed Rajoelina's move to take power, told reporters the military will pursue national reconciliation, is dissolving government institutions and putting in place a national committee to lead the country at least provisionally.

Rajoelina won't be able to hold onto power long without the military's support.

Despite the officers' declaration, which was broadcast only in part on one independent TV station, voting continued on the island of 20 million. It appeared few were initially aware of the officers' move.

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Broken hip led to man's death: Cops

Hamilton police have laid a manslaughter charge after a man died of complications from a fractured hip that resulted from an altercation with another resident of a retirement home.

Carl Hammond, 62, developed complications after surgery and died of pneumonia Oct. 27.

Investigators say that after consulting medical experts, police determined the fracture to Hammond's hip was a significant contributing factor in the chain of events that ultimately resulted in his death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Complaint delays sex survey

An Ottawa school board is putting off a controversial survey that asks students about sexual orientation.

The move comes after a complaint was filed with Ontario's privacy commissioner, and the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board says the survey will be delayed until an investigation is complete.

The survey asks questions about sexuality, family ethnicity, and parents' level of education.

The Toronto District School Board hands out a similar survey to high school students every five years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Juicy speculation drives British media

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▶ British media feasted on the engagement announcement with photos of Kate and William splashed across front pages.

Royal wedding planning has begun

Prince William, wary of a media he holds partly responsible for his mother's death in a Paris car crash, says he took his time in proposing to give Kate Middleton a sense of what life in the Royal Family was like.

"I wanted to give her a chance to see in and to back out if she needed to before it all got too much," William said.

Middleton said being in the Royal Family was "a daunting prospect."

The future of the Royal Family depends to no small degree on the success of their union. Middleton brings youth and glamour to a monarchy tarnished by divorce and scandal. The marriage will link Middleton — a wealthy commoner whose parents, self-made millionaires, founded a successful mail-order party supply business — with William, scion of one of the richest families in the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Drinks are unsafe: FDA

Four U.S. states have banned alcoholic energy beverages

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▶ Four Loko alcoholic energy drinks.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration yesterday warned four makers of alcoholic energy drinks that the caffeine added to their drinks is an "unsafe food additive" and their products could be seized.

The FDA's warning to the makers of Four Loko, Max, Joose, Moonshot and a handful of other drinks — often called "blackouts in a can" — comes in the wake of intense scrutiny of the beverages after U.S. college students were hospitalized after consuming alcohol-based energy drinks, and four states took them off the shelves.

The drinks targeted are already banned in Canada.

A day before the FDA warning, Phusion Projects — makers of the popular Four Loko drink, which is 12 per cent alcohol and contains a cup of coffee's worth of caffeine — announced it was removing all caffeine from its beverages. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Portugal. Economy

▶ A homeless man sits in the doorway of a closed shop yesterday in Porto's Baixa shopping district in Portugal.

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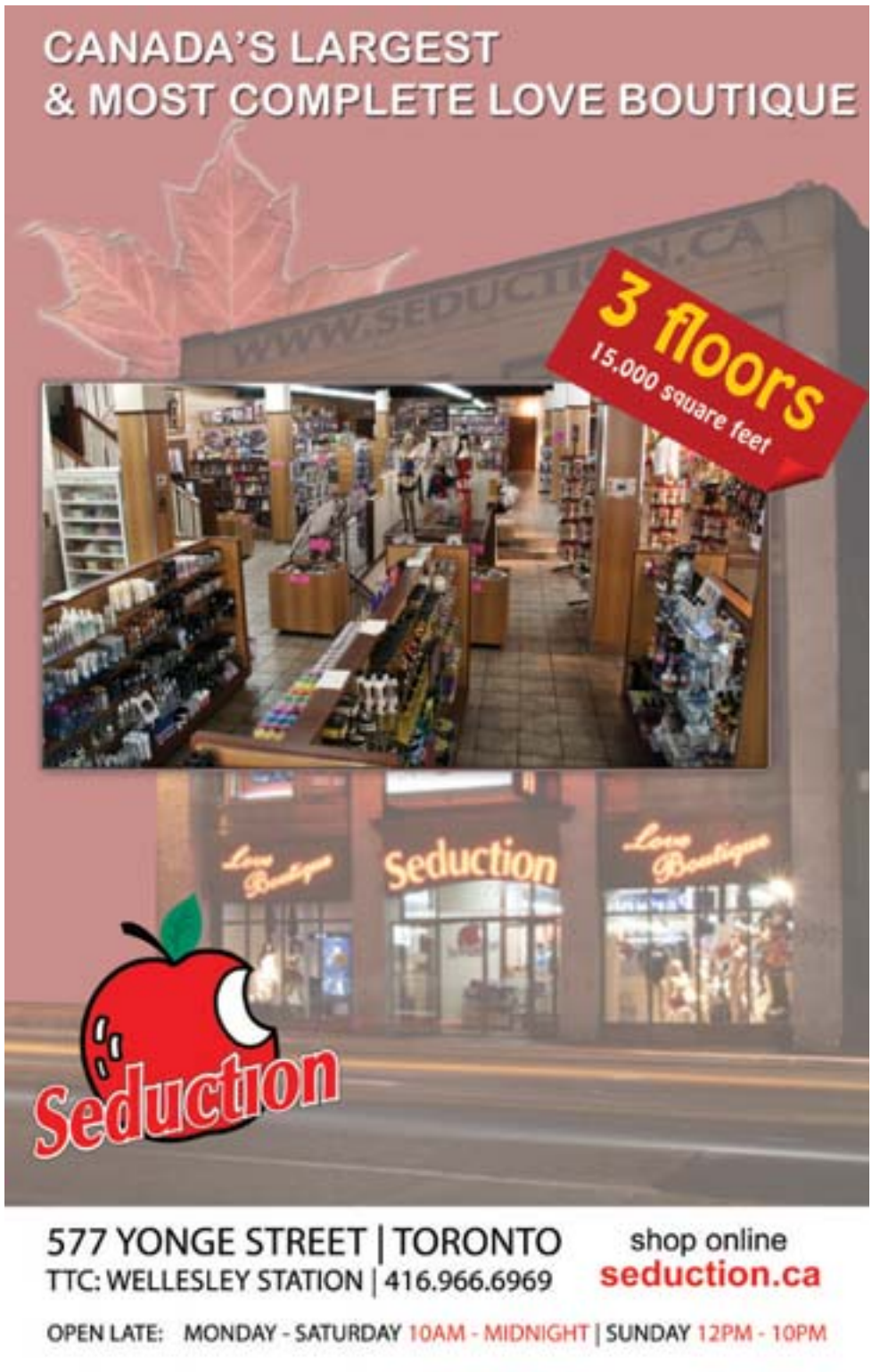
Rescue plan for Portugal

Portugal's National Institute of Statistics says the unemployment rate was 10.9 per cent in the third quarter, the highest recorded since 1953. EU finance ministers struggled yesterday to hammer out a rescue plan to keep the market turmoil from spreading to Portugal and Spain.



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▶ Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney was in a meeting when a bag containing sensitive documents was stolen from his locked vehicle.

Papers stolen from Carney

RCMP has since located the bag taken from BoC governor's car

The Bank of Canada is reviewing its security procedures after sensitive documents were stolen from governor Mark Carney's car earlier this month.

Bank spokesman Jeremy Harrison said the documents didn't contain any "market moving" information and didn't have Government of Canada security classification.

But he said the documents, which included staff reports and briefing notes, did contain internal Bank of Canada security classification.

The locked car was unoccupied when someone smashed a window and grabbed a bag containing the documents and a few of the governor's "personal effects" on Nov. 1.

"To the best of my knowledge I have no other recollection of any other breaches of official vehicles."
JEREMY HARRISON, BANK OF CANADA SPOKESMAN WHO SAID THE INCIDENT SEEMED TO BE A FIRST

The RCMP's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team has since located the bag, but won't say if any arrests have been made.

Cpl. Luc Thibault said the investigation is ongoing and police still have the bag in their possession.

The governor was in a meeting when the bag was stolen. An official bank driver was meant to be watching over the vehicle but Harrison couldn't say where the driver was at the time of the theft.

He added that the incident seemed to be a first.

"To the best of my knowledge I have no other recollection of any other breaches of official vehicles," he said.

The Bank of Canada is in charge of the country's monetary policy and tightly controls the information it releases.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario's growth to lag: Report

Canada's recovery is starting to take on the "two-economies" aspect of the pre-recession years, where resource-rich regions prosper and Central Canada struggles. A new forecast from Scotiabank shows Canada's manufacturing heartland in Ontario and Quebec will lag behind in economic growth next year with growth rates of 2.0 and 1.9 per cent, respectively.

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Ontario has bounced back relatively strongly from the recession and is expected to record a 3.5 per cent advance this year, but the longer-term prospect is weaker with the hot auto industry easing to a single-digit increase in 2011.

Meanwhile, Alberta and Saskatchewan, as well as Newfoundland and Labrador — three provinces rich in oil, gas and other resources — will lead Canada in economic growth next year.

Scotiabank economist Alex Koustas notes that the western provinces were hit hard during the 2008-09 recession, when global demand and prices for commodities, from oil to minerals to potash, fell. But now that the global recovery has begun, those sectors are coming back strongly, while manufacturers are still facing headwinds from the high dollar and weak demand in the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mining company plans to invest $10B in Canada

Brazilian miner Vale SA to move into Saskatchewan potash industry, but partial pullback in Manitoba

Vale SA, the Brazilian miner that owns nickel producer Inco, is investing $10 billion to expand its Canadian business, a spending jump approved after it settled the longest strike in the history of Inco operations in northern Ontario.

Vale, which had been criticized by critics of Canada's foreign investment rules for its handling of the bitter strike in Sudbury, said yesterday it will spend $10 billion over the next five years on numerous capital projects.

The company plans to boost copper and nickel production, install new emissions cleanup technology, and develop its domestic potash business in Saskatchewan.

The $10-billion investment will also see Vale grow its operations in Sudbury and on the East Coast, but cut 500 jobs in Thompson, Man., as the company phases out refining and smelting there by 2015.

Vale said the new investment reflects what it sees as "a bright future" for the company in Canada. It also follows a settlement last summer of the longest strike ever at its Ontario mining operations, which it acquired with the $19-billion purchase of Inco Ltd. in 2006.

That strike badly hurt the industrial northern Ontario city and led to calls on Ottawa to crack down on the foreign companies who bought Inco, Falconbridge, Alcan, Stelco and others in a wave of consolidation that began about five years ago.

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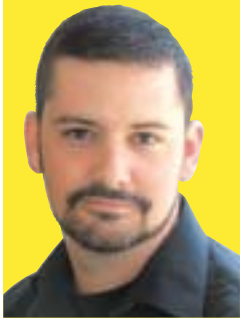

If I were king for a day, I would abolish the monarchy.

I've used that joke for years and I still don't understand why we pay so much attention to a group of inbred photo posers who have all the power of a 20-watt light bulb.

The latest news to have monarchists in a tizzy is, of course, the engagement of Prince "Two sniper shots from the crown" William and Kate. All I really know about them is that she's pretty, while he's the one that started handsome and got British looking, as opposed to his brother, who started British looking and got handsome.

I know monarchists like to rant about the institution's historic importance, but here's a quote from their post-engagement interview, which got more media coverage than the moon landing: "When I was trying to impress Kate, I was trying to cook these amazing fancy dinners and what would happen was I would burn something ... so I was quite glad she was there at the time."

That knocking sound you hear is me banging my head off the table repeatedly.

Canadians love to mock Americans for their allegiance to God, but here we are under the monarchy, essentially our spiritual leader — specifically, an awkward family led by an old woman from another country who speaks to God on our behalf.

If I were religious, I would wonder why everybody else gets to speak with The Boss while I keep getting forwarded to the regional office.

"Even on its most frivolous level, the monarchy is redundant. It was annoying to me in the '90s ..."

I trust that very few people accept the crown on a religious level, but then the question becomes: Why do we need a monarchy at all?

The monarchy exists so we can: 1. Pretend they're not real people; and 2. Act shocked when they act like real people. If they do something normal, like grieve at a funeral, we laud them for being just like us. If they do something normal like get a divorce, we rip them for being just like us. Can't we just skip the whole charade?

Even on its most frivolous level, the monarchy is redundant. It was annoying to me in the '90s because it was clearly the Everest of pop culture, famous "because it's there."

But today, who isn't famous for being famous? What reality show contestant doesn't think they speak for the masses? What celebrity doesn't believe they have the wisdom of a god?

And if everyone can be king or queen, why do we need one?

Common sense is dead. Long live the king.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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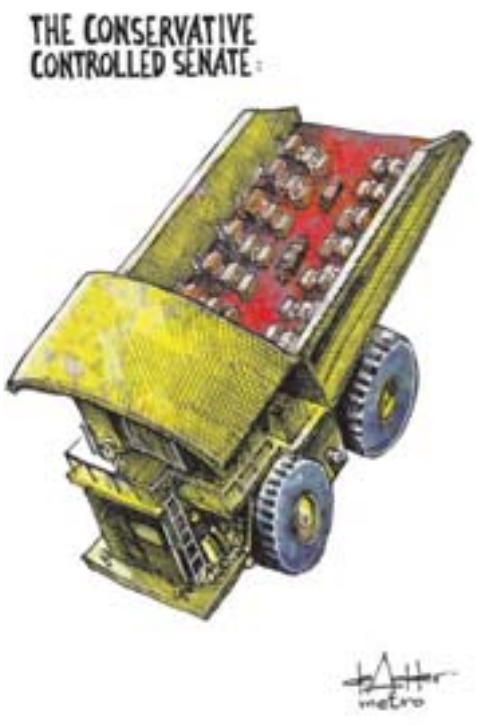

More gloom predicted

Worth mentioning

A new report says India could be 2 C warmer than 1970s levels within 20 years — a change that would disrupt rain cycles and wreak havoc on the country's agriculture and freshwater supplies, experts said yesterday.

More flooding, more drought and a spreading of malaria would occur, as the disease migrates northward into Kashmir and the Himalayas, according to the report by 220 Indian scientists and 120 research institutions.

The temperature rise, which could be even more extreme along the coasts, would cause drastic changes in India's rain cycles that threaten water supplies and agriculture — the key source of livelihood for most of India's 1.2 billion people.

The report comes out just weeks before the Nov. 29 start of the UN climate summit in Cancun, Mexico, where nations will try again to reach a global agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions thought to contribute to global warming. India's many ecosystems and proximity to the equator make it particularly sensitive to climate change, experts say. The fact most of the country relies on freshwater sources, rather than desalinating sea water, amplifies the threat of global warming on society. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Warming warning

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Metro Minute with Swarovski wish tree

Now for the part of winter we actually like: Christmas in the city. It all turns into grey slush and frozen digits after the holidays, so let's get rolling.

Today at 6 p.m., the kickoff begins at the Eaton Centre, with the unveiling of the gorgeous Swarovski Crystal Wish Tree.

For the past six years, the purveyor of all things sparkly has teamed up with The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada to bring a festive spirit and good cause to the shopping season. The unveiling will be preceded by a number of musical performances from local talent, including Suzie McNeil, Brian Melo and the Bach Children's Chorus.

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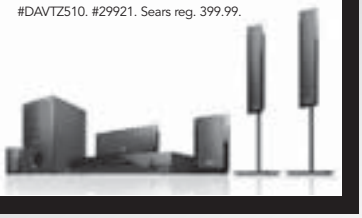

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Scene in brief

Ryan Reynolds is the first Canadian to snag People magazine's sexiest man alive title. The Vancouver-born hunk, known for his clean-cut good looks and chiselled abs, earns the honour as the annual list marks its 25th anniversary. The celebrity magazine offered a sneak peak at its upcoming cover – due Friday – which features a rumpled Reynolds sitting on the floor in a T-shirt and leaning against a bed. "The sexiest thing about Canadians is that there's an inherent ability to be self-deprecating," Reynolds said.
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Brooklyn bedroom pop duo Small Black swap 'cruddy Casio beats' for full sound on debut album.

▶ Elizabeth Banks makes a run for it alongside Russell Crowe in a scene from The Next Three Days.

Putting all our money on banks

How versatile actress Elizabeth Banks can do comedy and drama at once What she learned in prison for her role in The Next Three Days

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As an actress, Elizabeth Banks is impossible to put in a box. In one fall movie season, she was alternately in a comedy about a homemade porno at the same time that she appeared in W as former first lady Laura Bush. Even now, while currently starring as Jack Donaghy's love interest in NBC's comedy 30 Rock, she's appearing in Theatres as a suicidal heroine in the suspense film The Next Three Days, alongside Russell Crowe.

"I feel like I was getting a little bit caught up in being the girl in a bunch of boy's funny movies and it just becomes less interesting the more and more you do that," the actress explains while munching on some M&M's in New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel. "To be presented with something that was going to challenge a whole other set of tools that I have as an actor and also to be able to play with Russell and [director] Paul Haggis, who are just at the top of their game, it was such a no-brainer."

"I feel like I was getting a little bit caught up in being the girl in a bunch of boy's funny movies..."
ELIZABETH BANKS, ACTRESS

In the The Next Three Days, her character, Lara Brennan, is accused of a murder that she claims she didn't commit. When her mental health begins to deteriorate behind bars as it becomes clear that she cannot escape her fate, husband John (Crowe) plans to go to any lengths to save her.

Behind bars

Banks interviewed some inmates to learn the details of their day-to-day lives for her role.

- **Prison** She plays the role of a woman on edge behind bars
- Inmates drained their prison toilets and used the pipes as a phone system. "Whoever is on your pipe system, you can start talking to at night," Banks said.

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▶Denzel Washington plays a veteran railway engineer in the action flick Unstoppable.

Charismatic, modest Denzel Washington

His latest film looks at the struggles of the working class in the U.S. Actor's goal was to be on Broadway

JERÔME VERMELIN
METRO WORLD NEWS IN PARIS

At age 55, Denzel Washington plays a veteran railway engineer chasing after a runaway train in the high-octane action flick Unstoppable, loosely based on a real-life incident.

Metro met the charismatic yet modest two-time Academy Award-winning actor in Paris, where he has been promoting his latest film.

Unstoppable is your fifth movie with [director] Tony Scott. What's the secret of your collaboration?

I love him! We had a lot of success together and we get along pretty well. We are good friends. He's a good director and I trust him. And, he keeps calling me!

You had a humble upbringing in New York. Your latest film, about railway workers stuck in a crisis, sounds like a tribute to the American working class?

This is not the reason why I accepted the part in the movie, but it quickly became a tribute to the people we met where we filmed, in Ohio, in the west of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Some of these regions are deprived, with a high unemployment rate and where people who have a job are working very hard to keep it.

Unstoppable is not only about a train running out of control. It's also about problems the U.S. is living in right now.

You were the second African American man (after Sidney Poitier in 1958) to win the Oscar for Best Actor. Was he a big influence on you?

Not really as when I started acting, Sidney was already shooting comedies. He wasn't playing in many dramas at that stage. And the only black star at the time was Richard Pryor, who was more like a comic.

Therefore, I had no references. I took theatre classes; people thought I was quite good and I liked it. I was dreaming of a career on Broadway, not on the big screen. Hollywood wasn't such an appeal. I was more attracted by independent movies. I loved Taxi Driver, for instance.

Do you share the same values as your film's character?

Not necessarily. Look, my character Frank Lucas in American Gangster is a murderer and a drug dealer, and I don't share a thing with this guy! It's the same thing with Alonzo Harris in Training Day.

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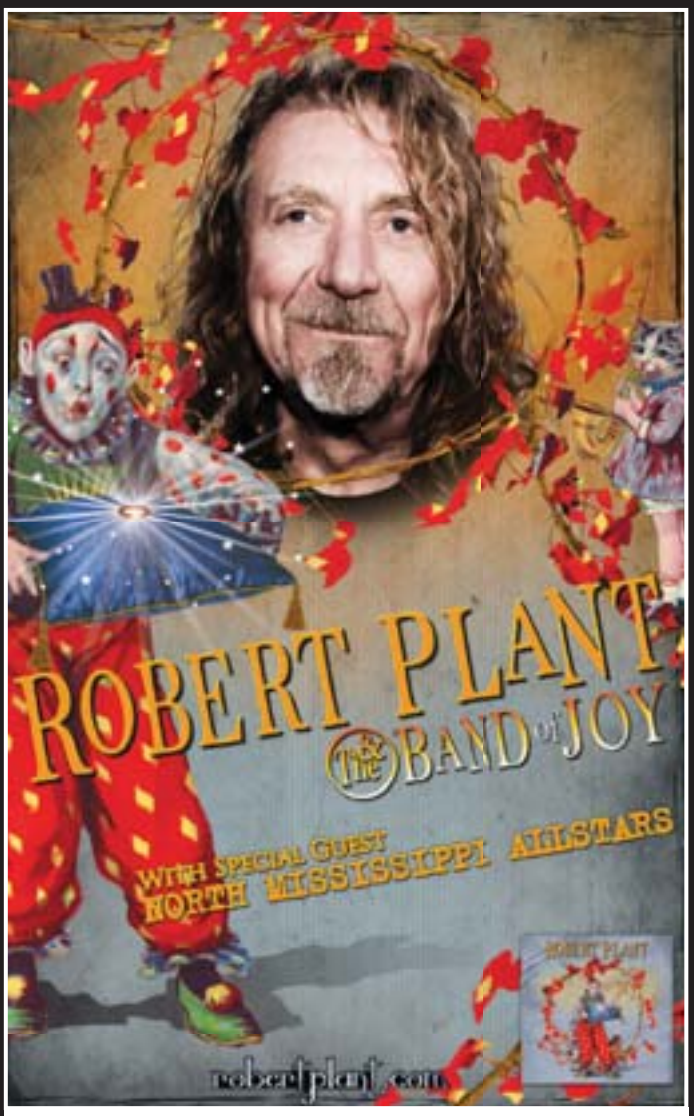

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A fashion icon in the making?

A ring connects them, but what about their sense of style? A look at how Kate Middleton stacks up against Princess Diana, and to the legacy Lady Di built.

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Ugg boots, Jigsaw dresses and bootleg jeans.

From the looks of her conservative, unfussy personal style up to date, Kate Middleton, henceforth known as the future queen of England, doesn't seem to have the chops to make her a fashion legend — yet.

Princess Diana didn't become the powerful fashion force we like to remember her as until much later in her marriage to Prince Charles.

Now that a ring connects the two women comparisons will be plentiful.

Will Kate be a quick study, and transition into the big leagues of impeccably turned out ladies, joining Michelle Obama and Carla Bruni as modern-day international icons? We measure her odds.

Ups and downs

Kate Middleton
The girl likes boots. But thankfully, she replaced the Uggs with a more equestrian-inspired look.

Kate Middleton
Ugg boots, a seashell necklace and blazer do not a fashion-plate make.

Princess Diana
In a sign of better dressed days to come, Lady Diana paired a flouncy blouse with her statement coat.

Princess Diana
Only Lady Diana could look like the young, ethereal ingénue in a frumpy sweater vest and skirt. Natural beauty aside, the outfit is terribly dowdy.

Kate Middleton
Her best looking pair of boots yet! Kate stepped it up a notch with a fur hat and a sleekly tailored coat.

Kate Middleton
A jaunty little hat and dress-coat that looks like it's made out of curtains.

Princess Diana
As her wedding day drew near, Lady Diana dropped the sweaters but kept the deep V and ruffles.

Kate Middleton
This see-through Project Runway reject dress helped Kate land Prince William, but makes the rest of us cringe.

Kate Middleton
She's not topping any best-dressed lists in this outfit, but Kate already has a more sophisticated look than Lady Di did during the same stage in her courtship.

Princess Diana
V-necks galore. As a princess, Diana was known for drop dead gorgeous, body-hugging gowns. But as a single lady, she stuck with safe and personality-less sweaters.

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▶ Britain's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton.

The TV event of the century

The timing of Britain's royal engagement announcement couldn't have worked out much better for NBC News.

The network had announced, back in April, that it would air a documentary on Prince Charles' environmental work. Accompanied by an interview of Charles by Brian Williams, the two-hour block of programming was scheduled to air this Friday.

Although Williams had no advanced warning that Charles' son, Prince William, and girlfriend Kate Middleton would announce their engagement Tuesday, he did think to ask Charles about what advice he'd offer his son about the prospect of a royal wedding. NBC and other networks rushed to cover the engagement of two royals that some in the news business suggested may hold greater fascination for Americans than they do for their countrymen.

In addition to Friday's programming, NBC quickly scheduled a prime-time hour for last night, William & Kate: A Royal Love Story. ABC rushed a special edition about the engagement on Tuesday. CBS News sent Erica Hill to co-anchor The Early Show from outside Buckingham Palace yesterday.

"I grew up in a New Jersey household with my mom's commemorative Charles and Diana Royal Wedding coffee mug on our kitchen windowsill," Williams said. "I think that describes a lot of households in this country."

Nightline had an advantage of an executive producer who hails from Britain, James Goldston. He's constantly asked about the Royal Family when he meets people in the U.S., enough to make him think there will be as much or more interest in the wedding here than back home.

The wedding, scheduled for sometime next year, has the makings of a huge television event, Goldston said.

"People are very much in the mood for a little escapism right now and there's nothing more fun than princes and princesses," he said.

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R delivers on her promise

Rihanna
Album: Loud
Label: Def Jam
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Last year Rihanna addressed her very public case of domestic abuse by playing the empowered one on Rated R, at times reaching too far into darkness with an album that was too severe for the type of artist she's become.

Loud comes less than a year after Rated R, promising it would be Rihanna "just being normal, sassy, fun, flirty and energetic." If we're to hold her to those words then she's delivered on that promise. With "SAndM," she boldly asserts her sexuality over a club banger, and keeps it coming over mutual foreplay with former flame Drake.

What's impressive is how RiRi upstages her guests, giving regular show-stealer Nicki Minaj some competition on the air siren assisted Raining Men, and leaving Eminem all but one verse on the epic sequel to Love The Way You Lie. Considering the quick turnaround, Loud is understandably uneven in spots: boozing anthem Cheers (Drink to That) rashly uses an Avril Lavigne sample, and power ballad California King Bed has no place in her repertoire.

Still, Loud is the rare occasion a rebound actually works, with Rihanna reinventing herself as the confident diva she once was with an album that's unmistakably her best yet. **Outstanding track:** What's My Name ● CAM LINDSAY

Kid Rock
Album: Born Free
Label: Atlantic/Warner
●●●

Rock n roll's bad boy is at his best when he turns down the amps and picks up his acoustic. Fortunately, he does just that on his latest. Care, a touching duet with Martina McBride, is almost as infectious has his famous duo with Cheryl Crow, while other tracks channel a more subdued southern folkie than a rap rocker. **Outstanding track:** Care ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

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Bruce Springsteen
Album: The Promise
Label: Columbia/Sony
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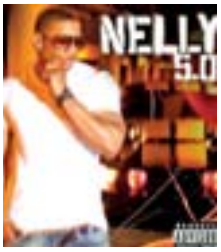
Springsteen cleans up and packages 21 tracks from his "lost sessions" during the three years (1975-78) between the release of his blockbuster hit Born to Run and the critical favourite Darkness on the Edge of Town. These are bold songs written at the artist's peak, reflecting his love for early American pop-rock, and glorifying the recklessness of young love.. This two-disc collection is uneven, but nonetheless, a must for Springsteen fans. **Outstanding track:** Because the Night ◍ GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM



Nelly
Album: 5.0
Label: XX
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If you've forgot about Nelly's greatness, he's here to remind that he's number one. Whether he deserves that title is not clear, but he repeats it enough times on his new record's opening track that it's he believes it at least. His latest isn't his nearly best work — the epic beats get tiring after a while — but there's enough catchy material to remain a stable in club districts around the country. Liv Tonight is probably the most bar-friendly of the bunch. **Outstanding track:** Long Gone ◍ BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Josh Groban
Album: Illuminations
Label: Warner
◍◍◍
The shy guy with the magical voice cuts ties with David Foster, moves from California to New York, joins forces with rock producer Rick Rubin and becomes a singer-songwriter. Judging by the strongest of his new songs — Bells of New York City — Josh likes the new surroundings. This CD would have been better if it had stuck to the original plan, presenting Groban as a folky balladeer. It works on tracks like Higher Window. **Outstanding track:** If I Walk Away
◍ GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

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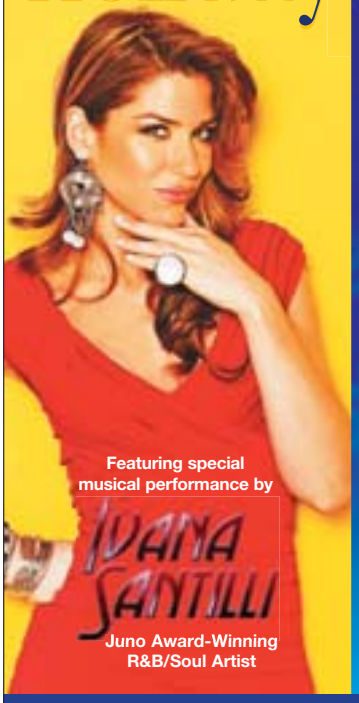

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‘Scary’ pairing for Groban

Producer pushes celebrated tenor outside of comfort zone Singer co-writes 11 of 13 songs on new album

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Josh Groban.

The way Josh Groban describes it, working with Rick Rubin on his latest album was sometimes like extended musical foreplay — but the feeling wasn’t always pleasurable.

The tenor and the maverick producer worked for more than a year mapping out the album Illuminations. They went over songs, musicians, played piano parts and more — without recording a note in the studio.

While that process has brought magical, often Grammy-winning, results for acts as varied as Johnny Cash, the Dixie Chicks, Metallica and the Beastie Boys, for Groban, it was “extremely scary and very frustrating at times.”

“I’m the kind of personality where I need to hear something; I need to put the paint on the canvas to kind of see what colours we’re working with. And we just blueprinted for a year. I mean, we didn’t even make noise,’’ Groban said in a recent interview.

“He would kind of have me on this guiding process until we had a body of work that we hadn’t recorded, and I was about to explode.”

Yet after working with another Grammy-winning producer and songwriter, David Foster, for his entire recording career, the 29-year-old Groban was willing to shake up his creative process, even if it sometimes made him uncomfortable.

“Rick has a rich history of extraordinary work, and I’ve been fairly new to the industry but have done things a certain way for about 10 years now,” Groban said. “We were both excited about the idea of learning from each other and exploring.”

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Behind the scenes with The Boss

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▶ Bruce Springsteen

Within the first few minutes of The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the Edge of Town, the viewer gets a strong sense of why Bruce Springsteen was nicknamed The Boss.

Springsteen sulks in a recording studio chair, listening to a playback of a song from his fourth album as the producer, sound engineer and members of the E Street Band try to figure out why he's unhappy with the take. The band, he says, is not playing on the beat, and he huffs at the engineer to play the tape to demonstrate his point.

E Street drummer Max Weinberg says although there are tense times depicted on this new DVD, this candid moment is only a part of a bigger picture that included many ups and downs within the long days in the studio.

"We would go 12-hour days, five days a week. And you just pushed and pushed and pushed, and what that did was just taught you how to dig down deep to get that stuff out," says Weinberg. "We'd show up at like three or four in the afternoon and go all night and sleep all day, and then you go back and do it again. Bruce would do the whole session and then he'd go back and write more songs. So I don't know when he slept, but his energy was just impressive and infectious."

The new DVD is part of a deluxe package from Springsteen, which came out Tuesday. Also included is a two-CD set with 21 unreleased songs.

For Springsteen, 1975 was a year where life imitated the most triumphant aspects of his art; when he released his third album, Born to Run.

But in 1976, he became embroiled in a lawsuit with Mike Appel, the manager and producer with whom he split at the end of making Born to Run. The court order stipulated that Springsteen could not record any music with a producer not pre-approved by Appel.

After the parties settled out of court 12 months later, Springsteen was in a headspace far removed from the naïve exuberance of his first three albums. He was in midst of contemplating the meaning of his commercial success.

In The Promise, Springsteen sums it up succinctly. "There were two clouds that hung over the writing and recording."

Once the clouds of the lawsuit settled, Springsteen began a creative period that yielded too many songs to fit on his follow-up album.

"Ultimately Bruce picked the songs that became the Darkness on the Edge of Town album," says Weinberg. "But the songs that didn't make it are incredible in anybody's book...You could take any group of them and make up an album out of them."

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Tony's divorce filing shocks Eva into action

- **Desperate Housewives star was 'blindsided' by reports that her NBA husband was filing for divorce**
- **Text messages may have lead to breakup**

Eva Longoria was reportedly "totally and completely blindsided" by reports this week that husband Tony Parker was filing for divorce. After first denying the story, the Desperate Housewives star is reportedly hurrying to file for divorce herself, according to Us Weekly.

Sources say Longoria recently discovered Parker had been exchanging hundreds of text messages a month with a female friend and confronted him about them.

"Eva is heartbroken by the betrayal," a source says. "Once the trust was lost, the marriage was over."

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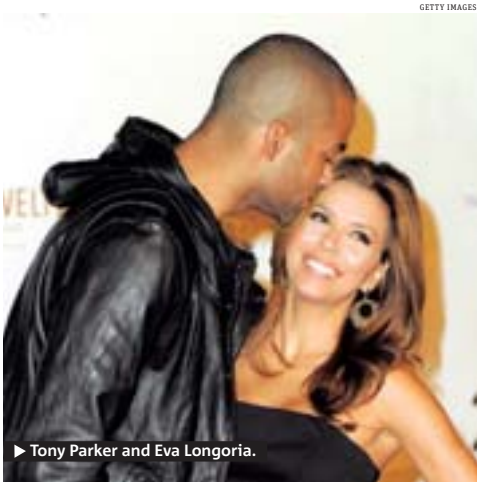

▶ Tony Parker and Eva Longoria.

BAG talks about breakup

Brian Austin Green and Megan Fox are happily married now, but he's finally opening up about their brief split in 2009 — and Green says it was his idea once she became famous.

"The reality is, she was 18 when I met her and she went through an enormous change in her life," he tells Access Hollywood.

"I didn't want her to feel like she was stuck because she said she wanted to be in a relationship to begin with and we just never really went in different directions. We'd say, 'Oh, let's kind of take a break and see what's going on.' It always came back together."

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▶ Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green

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TAMU MCPHERSON

Remix her style

KENYA HUNT
METRO WORLD NEWS

You were psyched when you first bought your camel coat. Then you started seeing it on one woman after another (and another and another) on the street. You'd choose not to wear it, but you've already spent money on the thing.

Now what do you do? For one, embrace the challenge to flex the part of your personal style that makes you an individual.

The woman pictured here did this through fresh details: polka dots peeking out from under a basic black sweater and a sheer skirt that contrasts the coat's heavy wool. For a final touch, she added some snazzy eyeliner.

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MORE WAYS TO PERSONALIZE YOUR CAMEL COAT

The beauty of the coat? It looks great with anything. The downside? It can read boring. So, punch it up!

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- Swap out the coat's original buttons for something that reveals a little bit more personality such as a vintage-looking style with a metal crest or an oversized resin flower.

EXPERIMENT WITH ADD-ONS

- Have fun with add-ons by tying an embellished belt or velvet sash around the waistline. It will make your coat look more unique and help trap in heat on chilly days.

CHANGE THE LINING

- Pick out a boldly printed fabric. Take it to your nearest tailor (your neighbourhood dry cleaner should have one) and have the old lining replaced. Show it off by rolling up your coat sleeves or wearing your coat casually unbuttoned.

3 life

Style in brief

From the collieries to the royal court, the flat cap has been a favourite for generations.

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Getting that winter glow

Clinton Hardesty, education director at Elemis, demonstrates how to keep your complexion radiant when harsh weather conditions and indoor heating dry it out.

1 **Invest in a good night cream (no, the day cream won't work).**

"Your skin goes through a reparative restorative phase at night and that's triggered by sleep, so finding a night cream that is especially oriented to the processes of your skin is very helpful during the winter," advises Hardesty. "They're designed to work synergistically with what your skin is going through during slumber," he adds.
Try: Elemis Pro-Collagen Oxygenating Night cream, $194
timetospa.com

2 **Go easy on the exfoliation.**

"Move away from granulated exfoliants in the winter and use more enzyme based exfoliants, which are gentler," he says.
Try: Bliss Peeling Groovy Serum, $65
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3 **Eye cream = youth serum.**

Hardesty says eye cream is key. "In the winter, you don't have oil production in the curves around your eye area, so it's much more susceptible to drying out," he says. The skin around your eyes is also a lot more prone to aging.
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TALIA SHOBROOK
MAKEUP ARTIST

I'm starting to look pale, but I don't want to go to a tanning salon. I'm also wary of the bottle tans. Are there any other ways to fake a healthy, sunny glow?
Cressida

"Use a daily tanner that will build up colour slowly and subtly such as St. Tropez Gradual Tan Everyday," says Talia Shobrook, who has created beauty looks for celebs including Taylor Momsen and Kate Bosworth. "Don't overuse the bronzer. Use it like a blush to sculpt the face," she says.

St. Tropez, $30
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For him: winter moisturizer

These winter products are tailored to meet specific manly skin needs

OK, we all know that moisturizer calms dry skin and it should be used on a daily basis, especially during the dry months of the winter season.

But the new wave of men's offerings do so much more.

Most notably, they ease the stress of constant shaving, which actually strips the skin of several layers.

From razor burn to overall soreness, these day creams help smooth out winter's facial tricky spots.

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▶ Mad Men's costume designer says "underpinnings" are a must for every woman's wardrobe.

Girdles and stockings and slips — oh, my!

The hourglass shape embraced on Mad Men is being celebrated by the retro-TV-show-obsessed fashion world as a refreshing trend.

Yet perfect curves don't quite come naturally.

Enter "underpinnings," says the show's costume designer Janie Bryant.

Her wardrobe closet has long-line bras, girdles, stockings and slips, and it's not uncommon for someone to be wearing them all at once.

That's how it was in the early 1960s, she says, and there are some lessons to be learned.

"Your underpinnings affect how clothes fit and how they look," Bryant explains. "The fit of your bra or your shapewear under your skirt can accentuate your waist or your bust. In trousers, shapewear leggings can make you look smoother or slimmer."

Bryant chronicles her advice, in her new book The Fashion File: Advice, Tips and Inspiration from the Costume Designer of Mad Men.

Most important: Check the back view in the mirror. "The most important thing is no panty lines!"

Also, she says, know your accurate measurements, have on hand a variety of bra silhouettes, including a seamless T-shirt version and a demi-cup balconette that creates a shelf of cleavage for low-cut styles.

In this era of bust-enhancers and bottom-slimmers, shapewear can act as a sculpting tool.

Of course, that's where it started for women in the Victorian times, she notes.

"I'm interested by bustle cages and corsetry, and I started thinking about manipulation when it comes to the female form," says Bryant.

Later, in the 1920s, when the fashionable silhouette became almost boyish, Bryant says, women would put on undergarments that were delicate and with little or no structure, freeing them from the corset and complementing their flapper dresses.

When bias-cut, clingy dresses became en vogue the next decade, women wanted smooth satin lingerie.

By the late '60s, though, women were burning bras.

Over the last century, the biggest change in undergarments, however, was the invention and adoption of stretchy Lycra, Bryant says, which offered versatility of shape and much more movement.

But even Lycra pantyhose has largely gone by the wayside as women found shapewear (think Spanx or Flexees) that is the more relaxed cousin of the slenderizing girdle.

"At its heart, foundation is about shape. Modern undergarments can achieve that and be comfortable, too," Bryant says. "We really have come a long way."

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Make the most of any blue hue

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From striking sapphires to alluring azures, blue eyeshadow shades are among the year's hottest makeup trends. Top makeup artist Claudine Baltazar shows you how to make the most of any blue hue:

1 Start Fresh

Start with a complexion evened out with foundation and/or concealer, as needed.

Prep your eye lids with a cream shadow base that either matches your skin or is colourless.

2 Bring on the Blue

Use a brush to pat blue shadow (cream or powder) onto lid, keeping the intensity at the lashline and gradually fading out to the crease.

3 Add Depth

Sweep a neutral medium shadow into crease. Highlight browbone with a shadow that's one or two shades lighter than your skin. To add sparkle, try a pale gold.

4 Lashes & Cheeks

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5 Finishing Touch

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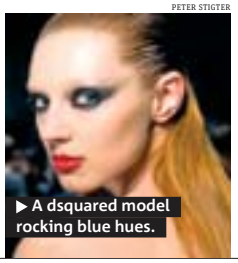

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The contemporary kitchen features veneer cabinetry with Caesar Stone countertops and a glass backsplash, while the bedroom shows off a high-contrast look with a dark wood wall unit that commands the space.

Simone gave special attention to texture throughout the suite, both in a variety of materials and strategically placed lighting, rather than relying on specific colours to create visual interest.

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A very Debbie season

Debbie Travis talks festive decor trends, shares the holiday collection she designed for Canadian Tire

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Debbie Travis is a four time Gemini-winning television host (her current television series; All For One airs on CBC), author of nine best-selling books and designs a line of signature home goods sold exclusively at Canadian Tire.

This year Debbie designed the entire Christmas collection for Canadian Tire Stores; it's a collection of tree ornaments, wreaths and holiday decor that is on-trend for the holidays and priced for every budget.

I had a chance to ask her a few questions regarding holiday trends and the collection for this year.

What's the most exciting holiday decor trend this year?

I think it has to be holiday fun; it's definitely included in the various collections I've designed. Themes include Masquerade Ball, Candy Cane and Winter Forest (there are six themes to the collection).

You'll see lots of nostalgia (think 1950s), stripes, polka dots, glitter and shine.

There will also be a sense of homemade to some of the collections; a trend that we will see sticking around for a few years.

How do you decorate in your own home?

I am usually in Montreal during the holidays and decorate two very different trees.

I have what I call a 'memory tree' in the living room that highlights family memories through ornaments collected over the years.

My boys would absolutely kill me if they didn't see those familiar ornaments each year!

I then put up a hip, trendy tree in the dining room; it's a way to stay current with trends and have fun when entertaining.

How will this year's holiday decor differ from next year?

There will be different colour themes but I am hoping that ornaments purchased this year can be built up and added on next year.

Collecting memorable ornaments that create memories from year to year is what it is all about.

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▶ Debbie Travis

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▶ The Girlie Shoe Collection make great gift toppers and napkin rings, says Travis

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▶ Travis has a traditional tree and a modern one.

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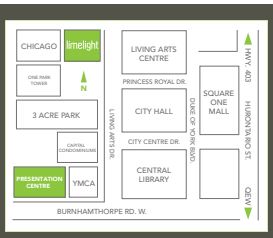

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I've mentioned more than once in this space that the GTA is the most active condominium housing market in North America, by far. More importantly, we've got the quality to go with the quantity, as evidenced by the astonishing 84 Silver awards captured by GTA builders, designers, agencies and brokers competing in The Nationals (thenationals.com), presented by the U.S. National Association of Home Builders.

There are 257 Silver finalists in 53 categories of awards, which means Toronto builders captured a third of all the nominations for the Gold awards to be presented in Orlando, Florida in January 2011. When you think of all the major markets in the U.S., the number of finalists from the GTA speaks volumes about the builders and designers of our high- and low-rise developments, not to mention the creative agencies behind them.

Among the high-rise projects on the finalist list, Bisha, by Lifetime Developments leads the way with 11 nominations. Chances are you've heard of many of the other nominated projects which include Chaz on Charles, The Mercer, Thompson Residences, Tango, 12 Degrees, Five Condominiums, Pears, Ocean Club, Blade, Backstage, Emerald City 2, Residences at the King Edward, Treviso, Jade, DNA3, Liv Lofts, San Francisco by the Bay, Limelight, Ice 2 and the Residences at the Ritz Carlton.

The above mentioned A-list of condo projects are actually competing against each other in many categories, with the outside competition coming from New York, San Diego, Denver, Houston, Seattle, and several centres in California.

I can safely bet that Toronto builders will win no less than four Gold awards at the Nationals, because we actually swept the Silvers in four instances. Hopefully, the finals will prove that we're not only the biggest, but the best.

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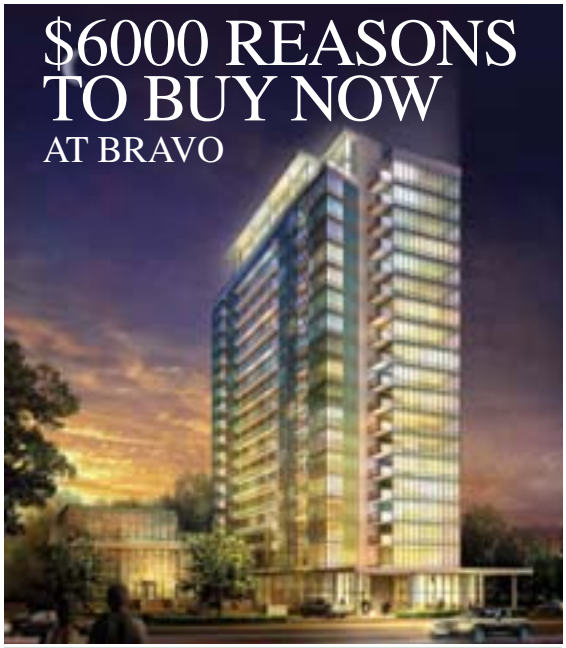

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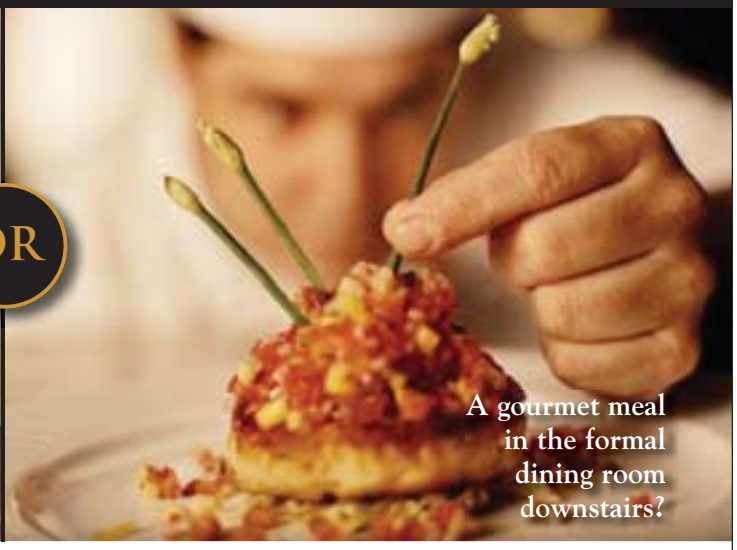

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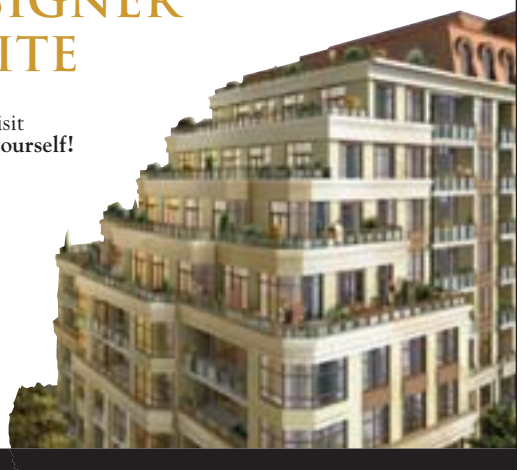

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I recently purchased a resale home that advertised as having "wood floors throughout." After briefly touring the house, I decided it was in the right location and at the right price so I put an offer in and it was accepted. Now, after closing, I have discovered that the floors are not hardwood at all, but a type of laminate flooring. I want to pursue the vendor for this deficiency but my lawyer is reluctant to take this action. What should I do?

Legal Matters

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It is my understanding that most listings will indicate "hardwood floors throughout" instead of wood floors.

This slight discrepancy can make a huge difference to the unsuspecting buyer. Laminate floors are a type of hybrid wood floor so the vendor has not really misrepresented themselves.

You also had the opportunity to view the property and presumably to have an inspection done. Most buyers would ask and/or pick-up on the fact that the floors were not traditional hardwood flooring.

That being said, the general rule of thumb is that you cannot rely upon anything that is written in the listing.

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High-style silliness

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The caption under the photo in the home design catalogue urged readers to "enjoy the comfort and ease of indoor entertaining with outdoor sectionals, pillows and accessories."

But Molly Erdman saw something else – a chance to poke fun at something, well ... kinda ridiculous.

The actor/comedian sat down at her computer last June and wrote her own caption.

"Sweetheart," it said, "the Turners will be here any minute now! Did you put the plate of figs under the table?"

And with that her blog Catalog Living was born. Erdman didn't necessarily set out to create a daily parody of the sometimes

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▶ Molly Erdman manages a website called Catalog Living, a daily parody of the photos used for upscale home catalogues

serious, overly put-together nature of photos from high-end home accessory catalogues. One night, though, after she wrote the "fig" caption, she showed it to her boyfriend. He laughed.

Then she wrote more captions and her comedian friends thought those were funny, too. She realized she was on to something — and as her blog entries multiplied, they started getting attention from Facebook fans and people in the design field.

"I've gotten a lot of emails from catalogue photographers and art directors," she says. "They say, 'We always think what we do is ridiculous.' "No one seems to take responsibility for lining up 30 apples on a table."

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▶ Pumpkin Curry

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A lunch menu is available, but I've come for the Pumpkin Curry ($9.95), so I order off the regular menu.

I start with Green Mango Salad ($7.95). The mango is crisp, the dressing tangy and the cashews freshly toasted. The only drawback? Rubbery chicken.

Pumpkin Curry is an exciting choice for fall. Red curry with pumpkin, lime and Thai basil leaves in coconut milk comes with steamed rice and choice of pork or chicken. It's velvety and rich with a slight kick of heat. Comforting, but disappointing that without the chicken, it's just pumpkin and sauce.

Curious observation: Not a hint of cilantro anywhere! Good for the cilantro haters, but I missed it.

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- 50 ml (1/4 cup) each balsamic vinegar and lime juice
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- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 to 5 ml (1/2 to 1 tsp) hot red pepper flakes
- 250 ml (1 cup) broken walnut pieces
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) vegetable or olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) small fresh mushrooms (white or cremini)

Glazed Mushrooms Preparation:

1. In a measuring cup or small bowl, mix vinegar, lime juice, sugar, garlic and hot red pepper flakes; set aside.
2. Heat a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add walnuts; cook and stir constantly for 2 to 3 minutes or until lightly toasted. Remove and set aside.
3. In same skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add mushrooms and stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes. Add walnuts to skillet and stir in vinegar mixture while stirring constantly for 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbling and mushrooms are coated.

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Texas in Toronto

Hottest chefs from Texas at food expo this weekend
Chef Tiffany Derry shares her recipe for barbacoa

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▶ Tiffany Derry, a finalist in Top Chef from season eight

Ingredients:

- 5 lbs beef cheek (can be substituted with skate or halibut)
- 2 tomatoes, roasted
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 jalapeno peppers
- 1/4 bunch of cilantro with stems
- 1 onion, grilled
- 3 cloves roasted garlic
- 3 guajillo chili peppers, roasted
- salt and pepper
- 1 gallon beef stock
- 1 tbsp paprika
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tbsp cumin
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tbsp dried oregano

Some of the hottest chefs from Texas will be taking part in the Gourmet Food and Wine Expo at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre this weekend.

Among them is chef Tiffany Derry, a finalist in Bravo Television's season eight of Top Chef.

Here is her recipe for barbacoa — a rich, savoury Mexican taco filling made with beef, tomatoes, jalapenos, chicken broth and Mexican spices.

Barbacoa

Preparation:

1. Place all ingredients in a pot and simmer until fork tender.
2. When you remove from fire, strain liquid and set aside. Cool down beef and shred, removing all the fat. Readjust seasoning and set aside.
3. To make avocado emulsion, place 2 avocados, 1 roasted poblano pepper, 1 diced jalapeno pepper, 2 tbsp lime juice, 1/4 bunch chopped cilantro, 3/4 cups chicken stock and salt and pepper in a hand blender and froth. You may need more chicken stock or lime juice if consistency is too thick. Strain and keep chilled.

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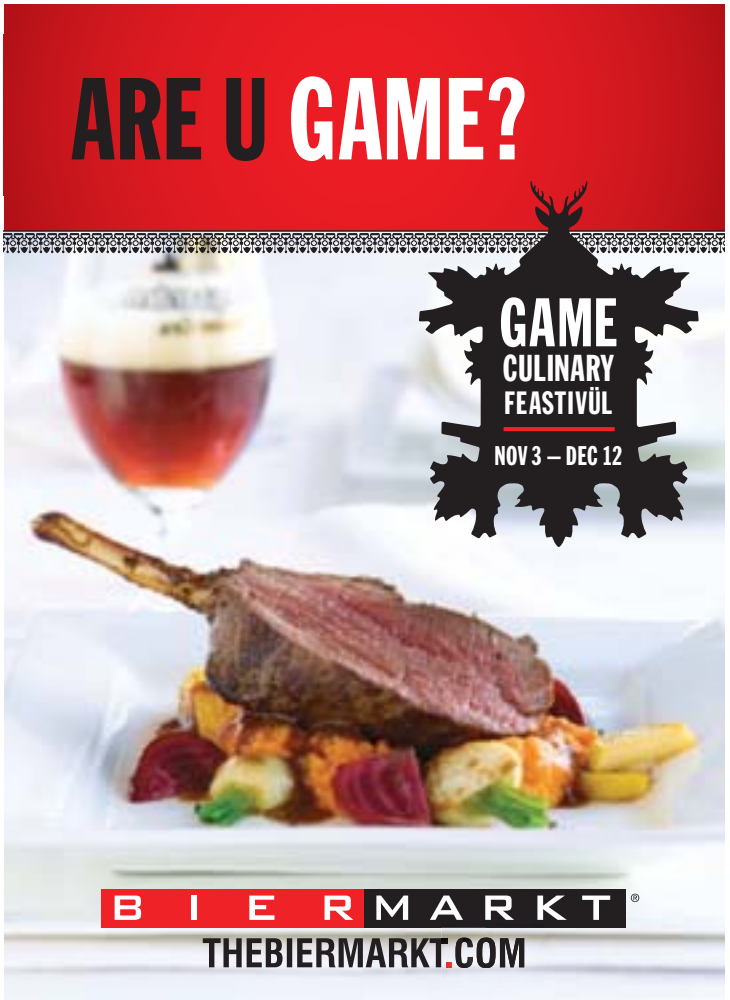

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"When you pull your pant leg up and you can see inside your leg, it's not a very good feeling."

DION PHANEUF, ON SEEING HIS LEG INJURY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

"I've definitely gotten a lot better the last couple of days. Getting off the crutches was a big step. Once you start walking, it's a big difference when you've been off your legs for a couple of weeks."

Scan code for sports

The Monster gets his shot in goal

While Gustavsson assumes duties in Leafs' crease, another young goaltender is biding his time with the Marlies

J.S. Giguere is out, James Reimer is up, Jonas Gustavsson is going to get a few games in a row.

The one goalie not with the Maple Leafs is the hottest in their system — Jussi Rynnas.

Giguere's groin issues — it stiffened in the third period Tuesday and he will miss up to two weeks — has opened the door for Gustavsson to prove whether he can be a bona fide No. 1 goalie. And it's also given a chance for the Leafs to reward Reimer — a fourth-round pick in 2006 — for all the hard work he's done with the Marlies.

"I don't look further than the game (Thursday). Of course, you want to play but I don't want Giggy to be out of the lineup that long either. You can't think too much. Then you go crazy."
JONAS GUSTAVSSON

Rynnas says he's thrilled that Reimer got the call and doesn't mind at all that he will continue plying his trade in the AHL.

"When I'm ready and there's a spot for me, they're going to call me," said Rynnas, who is 3-3-2 with a 1.83 goals against average and .943 save percentage.

If anybody looked ready to take the walk from the Marlies room at the MasterCard Centre to the Leaf room, it was Rynnas, a 23-year-old free agent from Finland signed by Leafs GM Brian Burke over the summer.

He has simply been on fire in the AHL: In his last six games, he faced 199 shots and allowed only six goals. That's a remarkable .970 save percentage over that span. Rynnas is a big reason why the Marlies are 6-0-3 through nine games of a 10-game road trip that winds up tomorrow night in Lake Erie. They have pulled themselves back to respectability (8-6-3) after an awful start.

"These past three games we haven't been at our best," said Marlies forward Jerry D'Amigo.

"He's kept us in and got us points that maybe we shouldn't have. Some games we shouldn't have won he won for us."

Stealing wins. It's something Leaf goalies haven't been able to do with any sense of regularity for some time.

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▶ Toronto Marlies goalie Jussi Rynnas during practice at Lakeshore Lions Arena yesterday.

Blue Jays acquire speedster

The Toronto Blue Jays acquired speedy centre-fielder Rajai Davis from the Oakland Athletics for a pair of prospects yesterday.

Headed to the A's are double-A right-handers Trystan Magnuson of Vancouver and Daniel Farquhar.

The deal comes a day after general manager Alex Anthopoulos missed out on acquiring slugging second baseman Dan Uggla from Florida. He was traded to the Braves instead.

Davis batted .284 with five homers, 52 RBIs, 66 runs scored and an eye-popping 50 stolen bases in 61 attempts in 2010, when he made $1.35 million US. He is eligible for salary arbitration.

Although it's unclear where he fits into the team's outfield, he gives the Blue Jays their first true leadoff option in years. Davis also fits in with new manager John Farrell's vision of a more balanced offence, instead of one reliant on the home run like the 2010 group was.

Centre-fielder Vernon Wells is the only sure bet to be in the Blue Jays outfield in 2011. Jose Bautista prefers playing right field but may end up at third base if Anthopoulos can't plug that hole another way.

Travis Snider is expected to win the left-field job while Adam Lind should occasionally play there too if he doesn't get moved to first base from the primary DH. Fred Lewis is a candidate to be non-tendered Dec. 2.

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▶ Rajai Davis

Sports in brief

Black nabs manager award

BASEBALL. San Diego's Bud Black hung on in this race, nudging Cincinnati's Dusty Baker by one point for National League Manager of the Year.

Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire was the clear choice in the AL, becoming a first-time winner yesterday after five times as the runner-up.

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Bosh's woes provide fodder for comic rap

Bloggers make video that mocks former Raptors star for promising a lot but delivering little so far for Heat

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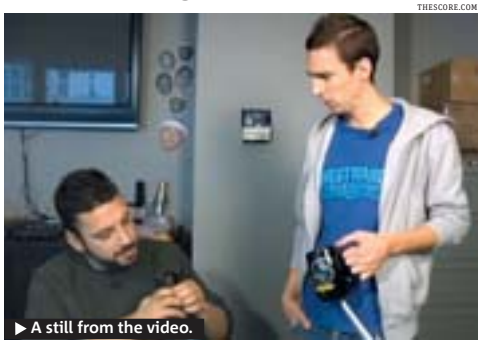

▶ A still from the video.

Chris Bosh's breakup with Toronto hasn't gone as smoothly as either side would have liked.

A month ago, Bosh was criticized — justifiably — for saying in an interview that playing in Toronto limited his exposure to fans worldwide.

Last week he was ridiculed — excessively? — for complaining in the media that he couldn't view games on NBA League Pass while he lived in Toronto.

And last Thursday, the six-foot-11 Bosh was "posterized" — dramatically — by Celtics point guard Rajon Rondo, who soared past the tallest member of the Heat's Big Three on his way to an emphatic dunk.

But if you think Bosh has had enough you haven't met the guys from The Basketball Jones, a popular hoops blog on The Score's website. Yesterday, the blog became the latest to lampoon Toronto's departed star in a video called Like A Bosh.

Basketball Jones co-editor J.E. Skeets (real name Phil Elder) said inspiration for the video came as fans discussed the Rondo dunk on Twitter, with one tweeter using the hashtag #likeabosh.

"It had built up to that point," Skeets said. "The Heat are getting punked by the Celtics again and Bosh ain't really bringing it and gets on a poster. That's when the idea for the video game about."

In the setup, a guy in an office, The Basketball Jones co-editor Tas Melas, can't get his new stapler to work, prompting Skeets to explain the stapler promised a lot but delivered little.

Like a Bosh.

To drive his point home Skeets launches into a minute-long rap song skewering everything from Bosh's changing hairstyles to his ex-girlfriend to his oft-replayed failure to even contest Rondo's thunderous dunk.

The rap doesn't rhyme but that doesn't matter to basketball fans seeking a laugh. By early yesterday afternoon, the video had been shared more than 1,000 times each on Facebook and Twitter.

And while Bosh's slow start in Miami has given the guys at The Basketball Jones plenty of material for viral videos, Melas knows Bosh's struggles won't last forever.

"He's too good not to turn it around," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Big night from Bargnani as Raptors beat 76ers

94	86
RAPTORS	76ERS

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▶ Andrea Bargnani and Philadelphia's Thaddeus Young chase a loose ball.

Andrea Bargnani scored a season-high 30 points, Sonny Weems added a career-high 25 and the Toronto Raptors beat the Philadelphia 76ers 94-86 last night in a matchup of two of the worst teams in the Eastern Conference.

Reggie Evans, who began the night fourth in the league in rebounding at 11.5 per game, pulled down 14 for the Raptors, who improved to 3-9 and snapped a two-game losing streak. Jose Calderon chipped in 12 points for Toronto.

Elton Brand led the Sixers with 27 points, Jrue Holiday added 17, and rookie Evan Turner had his second double-double with 11 points and a career-best 12 rebounds.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	19	14	4	1	0	69	49	29	10-1-0-0	4-3-1-0	8-1-1-0	W2
d-Philadelphia	19	12	5	2	0	63	41	26	8-3-0-0	4-2-2-0	8-1-1-0	L1
d-Montreal	18	12	5	1	0	49	36	25	6-3-1-0	6-2-0-0	7-3-0-0	W4
Pittsburgh	20	10	8	2	0	61	53	22	4-5-1-0	6-3-1-0	6-3-1-0	W1
Boston	16	10	5	0	1	47	31	21	3-4-0-1	7-1-0-0	6-3-0-1	W2
NY Rangers	19	10	8	1	0	57	51	21	4-6-1-0	6-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	18	9	7	2	0	52	56	20	4-2-1-0	5-5-1-0	4-5-1-0	W1
Ottawa	19	9	9	1	0	47	60	19	5-4-0-0	4-5-1-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Carolina	18	9	9	0	0	59	61	18	5-3-0-0	4-6-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Atlanta	19	7	9	1	2	58	69	17	3-5-0-1	4-4-1-1	3-5-0-2	L3
Buffalo	20	7	10	3	0	53	64	17	2-6-1-0	5-4-1-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Florida	16	8	8	0	0	46	41	16	5-2-0-0	3-6-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Toronto	17	6	8	1	2	40	51	15	4-4-1-1	2-4-0-1	2-8-0-2	W1
New Jersey	18	5	11	1	1	33	59	12	1-6-1-0	4-6-0-0	3-6-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	18	4	11	1	2	39	62	11	2-3-0-1	2-8-1-1	0-9-0-1	L11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Los Angeles	16	12	4	0	0	50	34	24	8-0-0-0	4-4-0-0	8-2-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	15	11	3	0	1	51	37	23	7-1-0-1	4-2-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Vancouver	18	10	5	1	2	55	46	23	6-0-0-1	4-5-1-1	7-2-1-0	L2
Anaheim	20	10	8	1	1	51	59	22	7-1-0-1	3-7-1-0	6-3-1-0	L2
St. Louis	16	9	4	1	2	41	40	21	6-0-0-1	3-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	W1
San Jose	16	9	4	3	0	48	40	20	6-2-2-0	3-3-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Chicago	20	9	9	1	1	57	59	20	5-5-0-1	4-2-1-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Colorado	17	9	7	1	0	59	53	19	4-4-0-0	5-3-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Phoenix	17	7	5	4	1	47	63	19	4-2-2-1	3-3-2-0	5-3-1-1	W3
Columbus	15	9	6	0	0	41	38	18	5-5-0-0	4-1-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Dallas	16	9	7	0	0	48	45	18	6-3-0-0	3-4-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Minnesota	16	8	6	0	2	37	36	18	5-3-0-1	3-3-0-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Nashville	16	7	6	3	0	42	48	17	2-1-3-0	5-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Calgary	16	7	9	0	0	46	49	14	4-4-0-0	3-5-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Edmonton	16	4	9	1	2	42	66	11	2-4-0-0	2-5-1-2	2-5-1-2	L4

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Carolina 7 Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 3 Vancouver 1
Boston 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 2 Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 4 N.Y. Islanders 2
Washington 4 Buffalo 2
St. Louis at Detroit
Anaheim at Minnesota
San Jose at Colorado
Phoenix at Calgary
Chicago at Edmonton
Columbus at Los Angeles

Tuesday's results
Montreal 3 Philadelphia 0
Toronto 5 Nashville 4
Dallas 2 Anaheim 1
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

PENGUINS 3, CANUCKS 1

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Crosby 13 (Talbot, Orpik) 16:43
Penalties — Bieksa Vcr, Adams Pgh (fighting) 2:15, Crosby Pgh (holding) 14:36.
Second Period
2. Pittsburgh, Talbot 4 (Cooke) 5:43 (sh)
3. Pittsburgh, Asham 2 (Rupp, Martin) 9:04
4. Vancouver, Hamhuis 2 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 9:38
Penalties — Rupp Pgh (holding) 2:43, Rupp Pgh (boarding) 5:06, Ballard Vcr (hooking) 12:07, Dupuis Pgh (tripping) 16:08.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Crosby Pgh (delay of game) 14:57, H.Sedin Vcr (holding) 15:42.
Shots

Vancouver	6	12	12	30
Pittsburgh	11	9	9	29

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (L,7-5-2); Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,4-6-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 0-5; Pittsburgh: 0-2. **Att.** — 18,252 (18,087) at Pittsburgh.

CANES 7, SENATORS 1

First Period
1. Carolina, Gleason 2 (LaRose, Samsonov) 4:25
2. Carolina, E.Staal 7 (Jokinen, Pitkanen) 10:41 (pp)
3. Carolina, E.Staal 8 (Jokinen, Corvo) 16:05 (pp)
4. Carolina, LaRose 5 (Gleason, E.Staal) 16:46
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (holding) 9:32, Jokinen Car (interference) 11:31, Shannon Ott (goaltender interference) 15:06, Carkner Ott, Harrison Car (roughing) 16:25, Gonchar Ott (tripping) 17:20, Michalek Ott (double roughing), LaRose Car (roughing) 20:00.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Winchester Ott (roughing), E.Staal Car (boarding) 1:35, Carson Car (holding) 14:40.
Third Period
5. Carolina, LaRose 6 (McBain, E.Staal) 1:26
6. Ottawa, Alfredsson 8 (Gonchar, Kuba) 9:31 (pp)
7. Carolina, E.Staal 9 (Samsonov, LaRose) 13:44
8. Carolina, T.Ruutu 4 (Cole) 15:54
Penalties — Kelly Ott (tripping) 1:59, Samsonov Car (hooking) 8:51, Campoli Ott (holding) 9:59.
Shots

Ottawa	5	8	11	24
Carolina	16	6	6	28

Goal (shots-saves) — Ottawa: Elliott (L,9-6-0)(16-12), Leclaire (16:46 first)(12-9); Carolina: Ward (W,9-7-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-3; Carolina: 2-6. **Att.** — 12,938 (18,680) at Raleigh, N.C.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Stamkos, TB	15	13	28
Crosby, Pgh	12	16	28
Ovechkin, Wash	10	15	25
Semin, Wash	13	10	23
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	11	23
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	21	23
Giroux, Pha	10	11	21
Perry, Ana	9	12	21
B.Richards, Dal	8	13	21
Roy, Buf	8	13	21
C.Stewart, Col	10	10	20
Plekanec, Mtl	7	13	20
Selanne, Ana	7	13	20
Backstrom, Wash	5	15	20
Sharp, Chi	10	9	19
M.Richards, Pha	8	11	19
Getzlaf, Ana	7	12	19
St. Louis, TB	7	12	19
Hejduk, Col	5	14	19
Eriksson, Dal	9	9	18
Ladd, Atl	7	11	18
P.Stastny, Col	7	11	18
Dubinsky, NYR	10	7	17
J.Williams, LA	8	9	17
Heatley, SJ	7	10	17
P.Kane, Chi	7	10	17
Malkin, Pgh	7	10	17
Marleau, SJ	7	10	17
Ryan, Ana	7	10	17

Not including last night's games

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(All times Eastern)
Colorado vs. FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

2012 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

Group E
Yesterday's results
Finland 8, San Marino 0 Group F
Croatia 3, Malta 0

2012 AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS QUALIFYING

Yesterday's results
Group K
Botswana 1, Tunisia 0
Togo 0, Chad 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	2	.818	—
New Jersey	4	6	.400	4½
New York	3	8	.273	6
Toronto	3	9	.250	6½
Philadelphia	2	10	.167	7½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	3	.700	—
Atlanta	8	4	.667	—
Miami	7	4	.636	½
Charlotte	4	7	.364	3½
Washington	3	7	.300	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	6	3	.667	—
Cleveland	5	5	.500	1½
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2
Indiana	4	5	.444	2
Detroit	4	8	.333	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	8	1	.889	—
San Antonio	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	7	2	.778	1
Memphis	4	8	.333	5½
Houston	3	7	.300	5½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	7	4	.636	—
Oklahoma City	6	4	.600	½
Portland	7	5	.583	½
Denver	6	5	.545	1
Minnesota	3	9	.250	4½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	10	2	.833	—
Golden State	7	4	.636	2½
Phoenix	6	5	.545	3½
Sacramento	3	6	.333	5½
L.A. Clippers	1	10	.091	8½

Last night's results
Miami 123 Phoenix 96
Toronto 94 Philadelphia 86
Boston 114 Washington 83
L.A. Lakers 103 Detroit 90
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota
Dallas at New Orleans
Houston at Oklahoma City
New Jersey at Utah
Chicago at San Antonio
New York at Sacramento

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 101 Philadelphia 93
Atlanta 102 Indiana 92
Washington 109 Toronto 94
Portland 100 Memphis 99
L.A. Lakers 118 Milwaukee 107
Chicago 95 Houston 92
Denver 120 New York 118
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	10	90	87	284	28.4
Ellis, GOL	11	110	59	292	26.5
Bryant, LAL	11	94	80	283	25.7
Wade, MIA	10	81	74	247	24.7
Rose, CHI	9	86	39	222	24.7
Anthony, DEN	11	101	59	271	24.6
Westbrook, OKC	10	75	83	235	23.5
Martin, HOU	10	68	80	235	23.5
Gay, MEM	12	113	35	281	23.4
Nowitzki, DAL	9	78	49	207	23.0
Gordon, LAC	9	68	62	206	22.9
Gasol, LAL	11	101	48	250	22.7
Scola, HOU	10	90	46	226	22.6
James, MIA	10	70	75	223	22.3
Williams, UTA	11	83	61	244	22.2
Granger, IND	9	73	31	199	22.1
Millsap, UTA	11	98	39	239	21.7
Ginobili, SAN	9	60	46	192	21.3
Richardson, PHX	10	84	13	212	21.2
Howard, ORL	10	74	64	212	21.2
Beasley, MIN	11	92	38	233	21.2
Stoudemire, NYK	11	84	59	232	21.1
Pierce, BOS	10	73	48	210	21.0
Bargnani, TOR	11	80	44	219	19.9

Not including last night's games

RAPTORS 94, 76ERS 86

TORONTO (94)
Weems 10-18 4-6 25, Evans 1-1 3-4 5, Bargnani 12-18 5-6 30, Jack 2-13 2-2 6, DeRozan 1-3 2-2 4, Calderon 3-6 6-6 12, Johnson 1-3 1-1 3, Kleiza 1-7 1-2 3, Andersen 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 34-73 24-29 94.
PHILADELPHIA (86)
Nocioni 3-8 2-3 9, Brand 9-19 9-11 27, Hawes 4-7 0-2 8, Holiday 7-16 3-3 17, Turner 3-8 5-6 11, Speights 2-3 0-0 4, Kapono 0-0 0-0 0, Young 4-13 2-3 10, Williams 0-7 0-0 0, Songaila 0-3 0-0 0, Battie 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 32-87 21-28 86.

Toronto	25	21	23	25	94
Philadelphia	26	21	24	15	86

3-Point Goals—Toronto 2-12 (Weems 1-3, Bargnani 1-3, Kleiza 0-1, Calderon 0-1, Jack 0-4), Philadelphia 1-8 (Nocioni 1-4, Battie 0-1, Holiday 0-3). Fouled Out—Johnson, Nocioni. Rebounds—Toronto 48 (Evans 14), Philadelphia 58 (Turner 12). Assists—Toronto 20 (Calderon 8), Philadelphia 15 (Holiday 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Philadelphia 24. A—12,164 (20,318) at Philadelphia.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired OF Rajai Davis from Oakland for RHP Trystan Magnuson and RHP Daniel Farquhar.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with C John Buck on a three-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Tony DeFrancesco manager of Oklahoma City (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Purchased the contracts of INF Ehire Adrianza from San Jose (Cal) and OF Thomas Neal from Richmond (EL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Purchased the contracts of RHP Eduardo Sanchez, RHP Adam Reifer, RHP David Kopp, INF Pete Kozma and OF Adron Chambers.

FOOTBALL

NFL
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed RB DeAngelo Williams on injured reserve. Promoted G C.J. Davis from the practice squad. Signed RB Jeremiah Johnson to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS—Released DL-LB Jarvis Moss.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Claimed WR Jason Hill off waivers from San Francisco. Waived CB Chevis Jackson.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed K Shane Andrus to a one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed TE Derek Schouman. Placed TE Fendi Onobun on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Acquired D Ian White and F Brett Sutter from Calgary for D Anton Babchuk and F Tom Kostopoulos. Recalled D Brett Carson from Charlotte (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled D Mike Moore from Worcester (AHL).

AHL
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS—Signed D Julien Brouillette.
TORONTO MARLIES—Recalled G Ben Scrivens from Reading (ECHL). ECHL
READING ROYALS—Announced F Yannick Riendeau was assigned to the team from Providence (AHL). Announced G Ben Scrivens was recalled by Providence. Signed G Brent Troyan.

MLB

MANAGERS OF THE YEAR
AMERICAN LEAGUE
2010 — Ron Gardenhire, Minnesota
2009 — Mike Scioscia, Los Angeles
2008 — Joe Maddon, Tampa Bay
2007 — Eric Wedge, Cleveland
2006 — Jim Leyland, Detroit
2005 — Ozzie Guillen, Chicago
2004 — Buck Showalter, Texas
2003 — Tony Pena, Kansas City
2002 — Mike Scioscia, Anaheim
2001 — Lou Piniella, Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
2010 — Bud Black, San Diego
2009 — Jim Tracy, Colorado
2008 — Lou Piniella, Chicago
2007 — Bob Melvin, Arizona
2006 — Joe Girardi, Florida
2005 — Bobby Cox, Atlanta
2004 — Bobby Cox, Atlanta
2003 — Jack McKeon, Florida
2002 — Tony La Russa, St. Louis
2001 — Larry Bowa, Philadelphia

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	258	214
N.Y. Jets	7	2	0	.778	208	150
Miami	5	4	0	.556	172	192
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	164	245

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	240	185
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	241	179
Jacksonville	5	4	0	.556	196	250
Houston	4	5	0	.444	217	257

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	196	165
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	200	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	172	182
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	184	213

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	235	188
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	212	194
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	239	197
Denver	3	6	0	.333	203	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	3	0	.667	257	209
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	236	193
Washington	4	5	0	.444	183	229
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	194	252

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	2	0	.778	222	175
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	201	151
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	188	206
Carolina	1	8	0	.111	104	215

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	175	146
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	221	143
Minnesota	3	6	0	.333	169	195
Detroit	2	7	0	.222	215	202

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	166	199
St. Louis	4	5	0	.444	160	164
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	160	198
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	175	261

WEEK 11
Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Chicago at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Detroit at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 21
Sunday's games
Division Finals
(All times Eastern)
EAST DIVISION
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 4:30 p.m.

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CFL Extra Points

DAN TOTH

KEY FOR LEMON: AVOID MISTAKES

Jim Barker's "we're the team of destiny" sales pitch has plenty of buyers in the Argos locker-room, even if the rest of the country can see through it.

The Toronto head coach has made believers of the Double Blue, and while most of Canada's football fans remain firm skeptics, the Argos have defied logic to find their way to the East Final Sunday in Montreal.

The Argos' surprising semifinal win over Hamilton last Sunday added some converts, but logic would suggest they haven't got a chance of knocking off the Grey Cup champion Alouettes … do they?

Two of the Als' six regular-season losses were administered by Barker's Boys, although only the first one in August actually meant something in the standings. Additionally, the Als were a mediocre 6-4 the last part of the season, although by then first place was guaranteed.

Key to staging an unlikely upset of the Als is for Argos quarterback Cleo Lemon to protect the football and avoid turnovers, much like he did last Sunday in Hamilton. Lemon completed 22 passes for a meagre 134 yards, but was picked just once and also tossed a touchdown.

In the game's dying minutes, Lemon staged a nine-play, clock-killing drive that limited Hamilton's ability to mount a comeback.

Lemon isn't being asked to play like a superstar, just avoid mistakes and wait for the other team to commit fatal errors. It worked last week, but the veteran Als won't be as susceptible to collapse.

Pick: Als by 7

CALGARY-SASKATCHEWAN

The Calgary Stampeders are lining up against more than just the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Sunday's West Final. They're also facing a substantial bit of nasty playoff history.

The Stamps have lost four straight post-season games to the Roughriders, including last year's West Final in Regina. For what it's worth, the Stamps' last playoff win over the Riders was a 36-3 victory way back in 1994. Since Henry Burris arrived in Calgary in 2005, the QB has lost to the Roughriders three times in the post-season.

Calgary's more recent history against Saskatchewan is favourable though, having won the 2010 season series against Gang Green. The Stamps won their lone home game against Saskatchewan, 44-20, lost in overtime 43-37 on Sept. 17 in Regina, before basically clinching the West Division title with an emotional 34-26 victory at Mosaic Stadium on Oct. 17.

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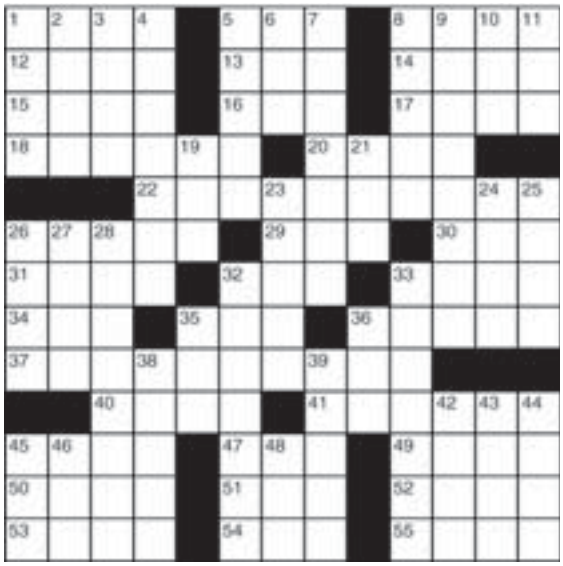

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5 Run for exercise
8 Salver
12 Carte
13 Before
14 Test the waters
15 Language of Pakistan
16 Timetable abbr.
17 Grandson of Eve
18 New Zealand discoverer
20 Timid
22 Marked by integrity
26 Computer fodder
29 Individual
30 Ultramodernist
31 Prevents
32 Agent
33 Culture medium
34 Judge Lance
35 Literary collection
36 Failing the white-glove test
37 Firing
40 Speech impediment
41 Human, e.g.
45 Sacred bird of Egypt
47 Shell game need
49 Slithery
50 Rational
51 Early bird?
52 Schnozz
53 Creche trio
54 Pirouette pivot
55 "— company, ..."

Down

1 Pornography
2 Wife of Zeus
3 Tackles' teammates
4 Loose garb for islanders
5 Unisex casual wear
6 Bobby of hockey
7 Deutschland
8 Classic suit material
9 Seeded players' concerns
10 Big bother
11 "Of course"
19 Suitable
21 Compass dir.
23 November birthstone
24 Spruced up
25 Like the "Saw" movies
26 Footnote abbr.
27 Intl. defense group
28 In search of prey
32 Brief passage
33 Add to
35 Fool
36 Modern-day evidence
38 Japanese-American
39 Picture
42 Cat call?
43 As well
44 Corrosive alkalis
45 Tenet
46 Ovine remark
48 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	8		6					
7	3					5		6
		6		2				4
2		9		6	8			
	4						1	
			3	4		6		5
9				3		7		
8		4					3	1
					2		5	

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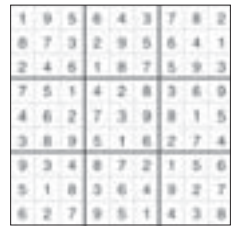

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There is no such thing as chance: everything happens for a reason, and your task today is to reason why you have been denied access to something you desire.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you compare yourself to other people you will be disappointed as there will always be others who achieve more than you. Compare yourself to who you were yesterday and the day before.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be true to yourself and don't cut corners. You can bend the rules if you wish but your conscience will nag at you for not living up to your high ideals and standards.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you are finding a simple task difficult for some reason then maybe you should take it as a sign that you need a break. You have been pushing yourself rather hard of late.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There is a confidence about you at the moment that is really quite eerie. The gods of change are about to move the world in your favor.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 As a Virgo you know that the simplest solution is usually the right solution and you won't go far wrong if you apply that knowledge to a relationship. Jupiter is moving in your favor again and you must move too – for love.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What happens today will remind you that it's always a mistake to assume that things will stay the same. If you stay flexible and move with the times you'll benefit in ways you cannot imagine.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Jupiter, planet of good fortune, urges you to put your own interests first today and do only what benefits you. Is that selfish? Maybe. So what!

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You know that if you go to extremes you will provoke an equally extreme reaction, so why are you toying with the idea of doing something that is sure to annoy a lot of people?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't take well to criticism and that could lead to problems today as someone is intent on telling you where you've been going wrong.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may have to lower your sights a little today, especially if you discover that your cash flow situation is not as good as you would like it to be. Have you been living beyond your means?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You have achieved a lot in recent weeks and you will achieve even more when the Sun crosses the midheaven angle of your chart in a few days time. It's okay to be ambitious. SALLY BROMPTON

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